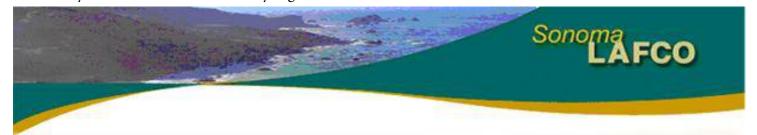
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## **Guide to Special Districts**

# Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this guide is to provide an overview of the more than 50 independent and dependent special districts under the jurisdiction of the Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission ("Sonoma LAFCO" or "the Commission").

Pursuant to state law, Sonoma LAFCO has authority over "changes of organization" relating to special districts including the formation and dissolution of districts, the annexation and detachment of territory to/from districts, and the extension of services from districts to territory outside their boundaries. Based on the function or functions of a district, other legislative acts may also govern a district. This guide provides basic information about the various types of special districts found in Sonoma County, their governance and functions and a summary of each district.

### STATE LAW AND JURISDICTION OVER SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Government Code 56000 et seq., also known as the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 ("Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg"), is the state law that governs actions of local agency formation commissions throughout the state. Unless specifically excluded, as indicated below, all special districts are subject to this law and LAFCO jurisdiction.

- A. The following districts are specifically *excluded* from LAFCO jurisdiction (§56036(a)):
  - 1. A school district or community college district
  - 2. A special assessment district defined as "an area fixed, established, and formed by a city, county, district, or the state, pursuant to general law, special act, or charter, that is specially benefited by, and assessed, or to be assessed, to pay the costs and expenses of, acquiring any lands or rights-of-way, acquiring or constructing any public improvements, maintaining or operating any public improvement, or lighting any public street, highway, or place"
  - 3. An improvement district defined as "an area, or zone formed for the sole purpose of designating an area which is to bear a special tax or assessment for an improvement benefiting that area"
  - 4. A community facilities district formed pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982
  - 5. A permanent road division formed pursuant to Section 1160 et seq. of the Streets and Highways Code
  - 6. An air pollution control district or an air quality maintenance district
  - 7. A service zone of any special district, including but not limited to, a fire protection district, a mosquito abatement and vector control district, a public cemetery

district, a recreation and park district, a community service district, and a county service area

- B. Unless specifically excluded by state law, the following districts are subject to LAFCO jurisdiction <u>except</u> for purposes of conducting authority, or protest, proceedings. If such proceedings are required, the principal act, which is the law under which the district was formed, govern (§56036.5(a)):
  - 1. A unified or union high school library district
  - 2. A bridge or highway district
  - 3. A joint highway district
  - 4. A transit or rapid transit district
  - 5. A metropolitan water district, or
  - 6. A separation of grade district
- C. Unless specifically excluded by state law, the following are considered districts subject to LAFCO jurisdiction. However, if the commission of the principal county determines that one or more of the entities listed is *not* a "district" or "special district," any conducting authority, or protest, proceedings would be held in accordance with the principal act that established the entity, *not* pursuant to LAFCO law (§56036.6(a)). These districts include:
  - 1. A flood control district
  - 2. A flood control district and floodwater conservation district
  - 3. A flood control district and water conservation district
  - 4. A conservation district
  - 5. A water conservation district
  - 6. A water replenishment district
  - 7. A California water storage district
  - 8. A water agency and,
  - 9. A county water authority or a water authority

### AGENCIES SUBJECT TO SONOMA LAFCO JURISDICTION

The Commission has jurisdiction over 46 independent special districts, two county service areas, eight dependent county sanitation districts and zones, one subsidiary water district, and nine municipalities. The cities, although not a subject of this guide, are as follows:

Cloverdale Cotati

Healdsburg

Petaluma

Rohnert Park Santa Rosa Sebastopol Sonoma Windsor

The listing of districts below is organized by the principal acts, which enabled them. The exception is the Cloverdale Health Care District, which is listed under "Ambulance Districts." Although, at formation, the District was intended to operate a hospital, that goal was not realized, and the District began providing ambulance service, as allowed under the principal act. It has continued to provide only that service. The listing also provides the date of district formation.

Some districts are permitted, by their principal governing act, to provide more than one service; this will be discussed further in this report.

**Table 1. List of Districts** 

Type of Special District	Year of Formation
Ambulance	
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Coast Life Support District Cloverdale Health Care District	1968 1958
Cloverdale Health Care District	1950
Cemetery	
Green Valley Cemetery District	1930
Shiloh Cemetery District	1937
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Community Services	
Cazadero Community Services District	1963
Graton Community Services District	2003
Occidental Community Services District	1960
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County Sanitation District	4005
Occidental County Sanitation District	1965
Russian River County Sanitation District	1982
Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District	1977
South Park County Sanitation District	1972
County Sanitation Zone	
Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone	1995
Geyserville Sanitation Zone	1995
Penngrove Sanitation Zone	1995
Sea Ranch Sanitation Zone	1995
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County Service Area	
No. 40 (Fire)	1993
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No. 41 (Multi-Services)	1993
Bennett Valley Fire Protection District Bodega Bay Fire Protection District Cloverdale Fire Protection District Forestville Fire Protection District Geyserville Fire Protection District Glen Ellen Fire Protection District Gold Ridge Fire Protection District Gold Ridge Fire Protection District Graton Fire Protection District Kenwood Fire Protection District Monte Rio Fire Protection District Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District Rincon Valley Fire Protection District Roseland Fire Protection District Schell-Vista Fire Protection District Timber Cove Fire Protection District Valley of the Moon Fire Protection District Windsor Fire Protection District	1948 1984 1996 1948 1996 1958 1958 1958 1945 1920 1993 1948 1946 1924 1955 1996 1926 1986
Health Care  North Sonoma County Health Care District Palm Drive Health Care District Petaluma Health Care District Sonoma Valley Health Care District	2002 2000 1946 1946
Pest Control Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control	1915
Recreation and Park Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District Del Rio Woods Recreation and Park District Monte Rio Recreation and Park District Russian River Recreation and Park District	1935 1948 1948 1941
Resource Conservation Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District Sotoyome Resource Conservation District Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District	1941 1975 1986
Public Utility Bodega Bay Public Utility District	1947
County Water Forestville County Water District North Bay Water District Rains Creek Water District Russian River County Water District	1961 1963 1997 1983

Sonoma Mountain County Water District	1964
Sweetwater Springs Water District	1988
Timber Cove County Water District	1984
Valley of the Moon Water District	1960
Windsor County Water District	

### SPECIAL DISTRICTS' PRINCIPAL ACTS, GOVERNANCE, AND FUNCTIONS

To understand the function(s) of different types of districts, a basic primer of governing laws is beneficial. Overall, each district is formed, and functions under, a principal act. The current districts in Sonoma County were formed under one of eleven principal acts. However, the State has enacted special legislation to form, or modify, certain districts including the County Sanitation Zones, the Coast Life Support District and the Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District.

Below is summary of the twelve current types of special districts in Sonoma County under LAFCO's purview. The summary includes information about the districts' principal acts, governance, and general function(s).

### A. Cemetery District

Principal Act - Health and Safety Code §9000, et seg

Governing Body - The governing body, which is established by law to administer the operation of a cemetery district, is composed of three or five trustees, as specified in the petition for the formation of the district. These trustees are appointed by the county board(s) of supervisors. The board(s) of supervisors may, after conducting public hearings on the matter, elect to act as the governing body for the district (§8950 - 8950.3).

<u>Functions</u> - The specific powers that the trustees may exercise are to maintain a cemetery or cemeteries, or acquire and maintain a mausoleum, if such mausoleum was built prior to May 1, 1937. In addition to these specific powers, the district may do all acts necessary or proper for the carrying out of the purposes of this part (§8961 - 8969.5).

### B. Community Services District

<u>Principal Act</u> - Government Code §61000, et seq. and Public Contract Code §20682, et seq.)

Governing Body - The governing body of a community services district may be appointed or elected, and is composed of a three or five-member board of directors. The method of selection and the number of directors is set forth in the petition of formation. The initial board of directors of a district formed on or after January 1, 1990, and containing only unincorporated territory in a single county, may be elected or appointed by the county board of supervisors. The board of supervisors may appoint itself as the board of directors. Representation on the board of directors of districts containing territory in more than one county, containing only incorporated territory, or containing a combination of incorporated and unincorporated territory will vary according to the territory included (§61101 & §61120).

<u>Functions</u> - The specific powers that the board of directors may exercise are as follows (§61600):

- 1. Supply inhabitants of the district with water for domestic, irrigation, sanitation, industrial, fire protection, and recreation use;
- 2. Collection, treatment, or disposal of sewage, and waste and storm water;
- 3. Collection or disposal of garbage or refuse matter;
- 4. Protection against fire;
- 5. Public recreation and parks, playgrounds, golf courses, etc.;
- 6. Street lighting;
- 7. Mosquito abatement;
- 8. Police protection and other security services
- 9. Library buildings and library services;
- 10. Street improvement, maintenance, and repair (subject to consent of governing body of city and county in which improvements are made);
- 11. Construction and improvement of bridges, culverts, curbs, gutters, and drains (subject to the consent limitations of item 10 above);
- 12. Conversion of overhead electric and communications facilities to underground locations when such facilities are owned and operated by a "public utility" or "public agency," subject to consent of the public utility or public agency responsible for such facilities;
- 13. Contract for ambulance service if a majority of the voters in the district voting in an election thereon, approve;
- 14. Provide and maintain public airports and landing places for aerial traffic;
- 15. Provide transportation services;
- 16. Abate graffiti

### C. County Sanitation District

Principal Act - California Health and Safety Code §4700

<u>Governing Body</u> - The governing body of a county sanitation district is composed of a board of directors of not less than three members. The makeup of the board of directors is as follows:

- 1. If the district includes no territory that is within cities or sanitary districts, then the county board of supervisors is the board of directors (§4730);
- 2. If the territory of the district lies wholly within a city, the legislative body of said city is the board of directors of the district (§4730); or
- 3. If the district includes territory within a city, another sanitation district, or public agency, then the board of directors shall be composed of the presiding officer of each agency's legislature (§4730.1).

<u>Functions</u> - The specific powers that the board of directors may exercise are as follows:

- 1. To acquire, construct, and complete sewage collection, treatment, and disposal works (§4741);
- 2. To construct, maintain, and operate a refuse transfer or disposal system (refuse collection is prohibited) (§4 741);
- 3. To make provision for street cleaning and street sweeping services upon the roads and streets within the boundaries of the district (§4742.5); and
- 4. To acquire, construct, control, operate, and maintain waterworks(s, conduits, reservoirs, storage sites and other works and facilities for the production, treatment, storage, and distribution of a water supply (§4767).

In addition to these specific powers, the board of directors may exercise certain other general powers in the operation of the district. For a listing of these general powers, it is advisable to review Sections 4741 - 4767 of the Health and Safety Code.

### D. County Service Area

Principal Act - Government Code Sections 25210.1 et seq.

<u>Governing Body</u> - The governing body of a county service area (CSA) is the county board of supervisors. The original intent of the county service area law was to give an alternative method for counties to provide governmental services within unincorporated areas, many of which have seen large population growth as well as commercial and industrial development (§25210.1).

<u>Functions</u> - A CSA may be established to provide any one or more of the following types of extended services within an unincorporated area (§25210.4 - 25210.4[b]):

- 1. Extended police protection;
- 2. Structural fire protection;

- 3. Local park, recreation, or parkway facilities and services;
- 4. Extended library facilities and services;
- 5. Television translator station facilities and services;
- 6. Low-power television services; and
- 7. Any other governmental services, referred to as miscellaneous extended services, which the county is authorized by law to perform, and which the county does not also perform to the same extent on a county-wide basis both within and outside city boundaries. These other governmental services shall include but not be limited to the following:
  - a. Water service
  - b. Sewer service
  - c. Pest or rodent control
  - d. Street & highway sweeping
  - e. Street & highway lighting
  - f. Refuse collection
  - g. Garbage collection
  - h. Ambulance service
  - i. Planning for a part of the County
  - j. Soil conservation & drainage control
  - k. Animal Control
  - I. Services provided by a municipal advisory committee
  - m. Transportation services
  - n. Geologic hazard abatement
  - o. Road maintenance & improvement

### E. County Water District

Principal Act - Water Code §30000

<u>Governing Body</u> - The governing body is composed of a five-member board of directors. These directors whether appointed or elected shall be voters of the district (§30500).

Functions - The specific powers that the board of directors may exercise are as follows:

- 1. Furnish sufficient water throughout the district for any present or future beneficial use. To accomplish this purpose, the district has the power for storage and conservation of water and water rights, and the operation of waterworks (§31020 31022)
- 2. Generate and sell electric power in connection with a water conservation project (§31149.1 31149.2)
- 3. Acquisition, construction, and operation of facilities for the collection, treatment, and disposal of sewage, waste and storm water. A district may also provide the

services under this section to inhabitants outside its boundaries provided it does not provide services to inhabitants of any other public agency without the consent of that agency expressed by resolution or ordinance (§31100). (Note: AB 1335, enacted in 1993, requires that districts fire obtain written approval from LAFCO prior to extending services outside their jurisdictional boundaries. There are exceptions to this requirement, which are listed in Government Code Section 56133)

- 4. Draining and reclaiming lands within the district (§31033)
- 5. Provide fire protection (§31120 31121)
- 6. Acquire, construct, maintain, and operate facilities appropriate or ancillary to the recreational use of water, provided that recreational use of water shall be subject to approval of the public health authority having jurisdiction (§31130).

In addition to these specific powers, the board of directors of the district has the general powers to perform acts necessary or proper to carry out the provisions of this division. For a listing of these general powers, it is advisable to review Sections 31000 - 31187 of the Water Code.

### F. Fire Protection District

Principal Act – Health and Safety Code §13800, et seq.

Governing Body - The governing body may be composed of one of the following alternatives, as set forth in the petition or resolution proposing the formation of the district (§138168 & 13821).

- 1. A district board may generally have three, five, seven, nine or eleven members (§13842).
- 2. The district board may be appointed or elected (§13848).
- 3. Elected district board members may be elected by district or at large (§13846).
- 4. Appointed district board members are appointed by the county board of supervisors, or the city council, or both, or two or more of either depending upon cities or counties within the district. Appointments are apportioned by the number of cities or counties within the district and the number of people in each (§13835 13839).

The number of directors (generally), whether they are appointed or elected, and if elected whether they are elected at large or by district, may all be changed by the voters in the district (§13845, 13846 & 13848).

Functions - The specific services the district board may provide are (§13862):

Fire protection services.

- Rescue services.
- Emergency medical services.
- 4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
- Ambulance services, pursuant to Division 25 (commencing with §1797).

In addition to these specific services, the district has corollary general powers (§13863 - 13887).

### G. Health Care District

<u>Principal Act</u> – California Health and Safety Code §32000

<u>Governing Body</u> - The governing body is composed of an elected five-member board of directors. This five-member board of directors may be increased to seven members in any district which provides at least 225 hospital beds, if such measure is approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district (32100 & 32100.01).

<u>Functions</u> - The specific powers that the board of directors may exercise are to establish, maintain, and operate, or provide assistance in the operation of, one or more health facilities or services, including but not limited to: outpatient programs, services and facilities; retirement programs; chemical dependency programs, services and facilities; or other health care programs, services and facilities; activities at any location inside and outside the district for the benefit of the district and people served by the district; to acquire, maintain, and operate ambulances, or ambulance services inside and outside the district; and to establish a nurses' training school, or a child care facility for the benefit of employees of the hospital or residents of the district (32121).

In addition to these specific powers, the board of directors of the district has the general powers to perform acts necessary or proper to carry out the provisions of this division. For a listing of these general powers, it is advisable to review Sections 32121 - 32137 of the Health and Safety Code.

### H. Mosquito Abatement and Vector Control District

Principal Act - Health and Safety Code §2000, et seq.

<u>Governing Body</u> - The governing body is a board of trustees composed of at least five members. The makeup of the board shall be as follows:

- 1. If the district is situated in one or more counties and consists wholly of unincorporated territory, the board or boards of supervisors shall appoint the trustees; or
- 2. If the district is situated in one or more counties and consists of unincorporated and incorporated territory, the trustees shall be appointed by the board or boards of supervisors, and the governing body of any city included.

The particular formula used to appoint trustees to the district's board, if more than one public jurisdiction is included within the district, is found in Section 2240 of the Health and Safety Code. Also contained in that section is the procedure for increasing or decreasing the number of trustees on the board.

<u>Functions</u> - The specific powers that the district may exercise are the following (§2270):

- 1. The extermination of mosquitoes, flies or other insects either inside or outside the district:
- 2. The extermination of rats (§2290); and
- 3. The undertaking or contracting for algae research, control, and monitoring projects (§2291).

#### I. Recreation and Park Districts

<u>Principal Act</u> – Public Resources Code §5780, et seq.

Governing Body – The governing body is a five member board of directors elected by the registered voters residing within the district (§5784). The initial board of directors of a district formed on or after Janary 1, 2002 may be elected or appointed. The method of appointment varies according to whether the district territory is unincorportated or incorporated or a mixture of both. For detailed discussion of the appointment process refer to Public Resources Code Sections 5783.1, 5783.5, 5783.7 and 5783.9. For a discussion of the election process for the initial board of directors refer to Public Resources Code Sections 5883.11.

<u>Functions</u> - The specific powers that the board of directors may exercise are to organize, promote, conduct, and advertize programs of community recreation, including, but not limited to, park and open space, parking transportation, and other related services that improve the community's quality of life. The board of directors may also establish systems of recreation facilities, including but not limited to, parks and open space and may aquire, constriuct, improve, maintain, and perate recreation facilities, including, but

not limited to aprks and open space, both inside and beyond the districts boundaries (§5786).

For a listing of general powers and powers of district officials, refer to Section 5786.1of the Public Resources Code.

### J. Regional Park, Park and Open Space, and Open Space Districts

Principal Act – Public Resources Code §51000, et seq.

<u>Governing Body</u> - The governing body is comprised of five or seven directors, one from each ward or subdistrict (§5527). Prior to calling an election on the formation of the district, the board of supervisors shall divide the proposed district into five or seven wards or subdistricts, the boundaries of which are drawn so that each contains approximately an equal number of electors (§5515).

<u>Functions</u> - The specific powers that the board of directors may exercise are to plan, adopt, lay out, plant, develop, and otherwise improve, extend, control, operate, and maintain a system of public parks, playgrounds, golf courses, beaches, trails, natural areas, ecological and open space preserves, parkways, scenic drives, boulevards, and other facilities for public recreation, for the use and enjoyment of the inhabitants of the district. And, it may select, designate, and acquire land, or rights in land, within, or outside of the district, to be used and appropriated for such purposes. It may also conduct programs and classes in outdoor science education and conservation education (§5541).

For a listing of general powers and powers of district officials, refer to Sections 5539 - 5553 of the Public Resources Code.

### K. Resource Conservation District

Principal Act – Public Resources Code §9000 - 9978

Governing Body - The governing body of a resource conservation district may be appointed or elected, and is composed of five, seven, or nine members (§9301).

<u>Functions</u> - A resource conservation district may be formed for the control of runoff, the prevention or control of soil erosion, the development and distribution of water, and the improvement of land capabilities (§9151).

### L. Special Legislation

In 1994, State Senators Thompson and Marks introduced Senate Bill 1578. The legislation was co-authored in the Assembly by Assembly members Bronshvag, Brown, and Hauser.

The legislation provided for:

- 1. The removal of the July 1, 1998 deadline for the Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District to exercise prescribed powers of a county water district provided that authority is approved by the local agency formation commission.
- 2. The Sonoma County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Sonoma County Water Agency) to have additional authority relating to the treatment, disposal, or reuse of sewage, wastewater, or storm water, as prescribed, and the provision of sanitation services.
- 3. The dissolution of prescribed county sanitation zones and the creation of successor zones within the District for the purpose of providing specified sanitation services. The bill granted certain authority to the board of the district with regards to its administration of the sanitation zones.

The bill was passed by the Senate and Assembly in August 1994 and chaptered on September 29, 1994 as Chapter 1089.

### Summary

This guide provides an overview of the specific special districts found in Sonoma County. The information provided is not a substitute for a municipal service review or other in-depth study. A municipal service review is a comprehensive study designed to capture and analyze information about the governance structures and efficiencies of municipal service providers and identify opportunities for greater coordination and cooperation between providers. Municipal services include cities and agencies providing police, fire protection, waste disposal, and/or water services.

Sonoma LAFCO policy states that, every fives years, the Commission shall prepare a service review for every agency providing municipal services. Agencies not providing municipal services, such as ambulance, recreation, health care, resource conservation, cemetery, and pest control districts, are not subject to scheduled reviews. This does not preclude the Commission from undertaking special studies or service reviews when requested by an agency, the public or when initiated by the Commission.

The following appendices include a summary description of each district and a map showing the district's boundary and sphere of influence. A sphere of influence is a boundary, determined by the commission, delineating the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency. Parcels wishing to annex to a district must be within the district's sphere of influence. Any person or local agency may file a written request to amend a sphere of influence.

## **Appendix 1. Summary of District Powers**

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Recreation and Parks					Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes¹				
Power											Yes				
Medical Facilities									Yes						
Mosquito Abatement															
Street Lighting and Landscape						Yes									
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Flood Control											Yes				
Fire Suppression		Yes	Yes			Yes	SәД				Yes	SәД	Yes	Yes	
Emergency Medical		Yes	Yes				Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	
Domestic Water				Yes	Yes						Yes				
Community Facilities															
Control Soil Erosion															Yes
Cemetery															
Ambulance			Yes					Yes	Yes						
District	Airport Larkfield Wikiup Sanitation District	Bennett Valley Fire Protection	Bodega Bay Fire Protection	Bodega Bay Public Utility	Camp Meeker Recreation & Park	Cazadero Community Services	Cloverdale Fire Protection	Cloverdale Health Care	Coast Life Support	Del Rio Woods Recreation & Park	Forestville County Water	Forestville Fire Protection	Geyserville Fire Protection	Glen Ellen Fire Protection	Gold Ridge Resource Conservation

## **Summary of District Powers (continued)**

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Recreation and Parks		Yes						Yes								
Power																
Medical Facilities										Yes			Yes	Yes		
Mosquito Abatement						Yes										
Street Lighting and Landscape											Yes					
Irrigation																
Hazardous Materials	Yes		Yes													
Flood Control																
Fire Suppression	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes				Yes					Yes
Emergency Medical	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes									Yes
Domestic Water		Yes							Yes		Yes				Yes	
Community Facilities								Yes								
Control Soil Erosion																
Cemetery				Yes												
Ambulance																
District	Gold Ridge Fire Protection	Graton Community Services	Graton Fire Protection	Green Valley Cemetery	Kenwood Fire Protection	Marin/ Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control	Monte Rio Fire Protection	Monte Rio Recreation & Park	North Bay Water	North Sonoma County Health Care	Occidental Community Services	Occidental County Sanitation District	Palm Drive Health Care	Petaluma Health Care	Rains Creek County Water	Rancho Adobe Fire Protection

## **Summary of District Powers (continued)**

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Recreation and Parks						Yes									
Power															
Medical Facilities												Yes			
Mosquito Abatement															
Street Lighting and Landscape															
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Hazardous Materials	Yes														
Flood Control															
Fire Suppression	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes								
Emergency Medical	Yes				Yes		Yes								
Domestic Water			Yes							Yes					
Community Facilities						Yes									
Control Soil Erosion													Yes		Yes
Cemetery								Yes							
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District	Rincon Valley Fire Protection	Roseland Fire Protection	Russian River County Water	Russian River County Sanitation District	Russian River Fire Protection	Russian River Recreation & Park	Schell-Vista Fire Protection	Shiloh Cemetery	Sonoma County Sanitation Zones	Sonoma Mountain County Water	Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District	Sonoma Valley Health Care	Sotoyome Resource Conservation	South Park County Sanitation District	Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation

## **Summary of District Powers (continued)**

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Rescue			Yes²		Yes	Yes	
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Medical Facilities							
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Street Lighting and Landscape							
Irrigation							
Aazardous Materials						Yes	
Flood Control							
Fire Suppression			Yes		Yes	Yes	
Emergency Medical			Yes		Yes	Yes	
Domestic Water	Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes
Community Facilities							
Control Soil Erosion							
Cemetery							
Ambulance							
District	Sweetwater Springs County Water	Timber Cove County Water	Timber Cove Fire Protection	Valley of the Moon County Water	Valley of the Moon Fire Protection	Windsor Fire Protection	Windsor Water

<sup>1</sup> Provides limited recreation and park services <sup>2</sup> Does not provide emergency transport

## Appendix 2

## **Summary Description of Special Districts in Sonoma County under LAFCO Purview**

## **AMBULANCE DISTRICTS**

### **Coast Life Support District**

Date of District Formation The District wa	as formed in1986.
District Area The District et miles.	ncompasses approximately 42,270 square
the bi-county provide emer	of the State Legislature in 1986 established Coast Life Support District (CLSD) to gency ambulance service to northern outhern Mendocino coastal communities.
purpose is to basic life s ambulance ser	gislation enabling the District states that its supply "emergency ambulance services, upport services, including emergency vice, limited advanced life support services I life support services, including medical supplies."
advanced and	imbulance services and basic, limited advanced life support services including ment and supplies.
Properties and Facilities The District op Drive, Gualala	perates one facility located at 38901 Ocean
Selection of Board Members The Board of D	Directors is elected at large.
	Directors is comprised of seven registered within District boundaries.
Members Terms of Office The Directors	are elected to 4 year terms.
property tax bate adjusted 1975, of the property after the adjusted	primary source of revenue is the general ased on either a flat 1% rate applied to the /1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price y on sales transactions and construction ated 1975/1976 valuation. The District also ue for patient transport fees.
Property Tax Allocation None	

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Special Taxes or Assessments	The special parcel tax is two-tiered. For ambulance service, parcels are assessed \$32.00 per "unit of value." The annual fees range from \$32.00 for a vacant buildable parcel up to \$640.00 for a hotel, motel, restaurant, golf course, gas station, or theater. The annual fees for after hour's emergency care range from \$18 for a vacant lot up to \$36 for developed parcels.
District Staffing and Employees	The District employs a part-time District Administrator, Operations Manager, and Business Manager, three full-time paramedics, three full-time ALS EMTs, and eight part-time BLS EMTs.
Meeting Schedule	Monthly
Meeting Location	38901 Ocean Drive, Gualala CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 1,451,769
Office Location, if any	38901 Ocean Drive, Gualala CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Post Office Box 1056 Gualala, CA 95445-1056 Phone Number: (707) 884-1829
Web Site, if any	http://www.clsd.ca.gov/

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### **General Notes:**

A special act of the State Legislature in 1986 established the bi-county Coast Life Support District (CLSD) to provide emergency ambulance service to rural northern Sonoma and southern Mendocino coast communities. The District stretches from Irish Beach in the north to Sea Ranch in the south and includes Manchester, Point Arena, Gualala, Annapolis, and three Native American rancherias: Kashia, Manchester and Point Arena.

## **CEMETERY DISTRICTS**

## **Green Valley Cemetery District**

The District was formed in 1930 by resolution of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.
The District boundaries are undetermined, see "General Notes"
Cemetery Districts pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 9000 et seq.
The law permits a cemetery district to maintain and operate a cemetery including all other support functions.
The District provides burial facilities, coordinating funeral services, and pre-internment services.
The District operates the Green Valley Cemetery (also known as Graton Cemetery or Peachland Cemetery) located in Graton.
The District Board members are selected by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.
The Board is made up of four members.
The Board members are appointed to 4-year terms.
The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from plot purchases and interest on investments.
The median tax rate is 0.0019 (11 TRA's)
None
None
The Board meets on the last Tuesday of the first month of the quarter (March, June, September and December)

Meeting Location	The meetings are held at the Graton Fire Station on Ross Road in Graton.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 12,041
Office Location, if any	None
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	None

### **General Notes:**

The District boundaries were established in 1923 to include all territory within the boundaries of the Oak Grove, Green Valley and Marshal School Districts. These boundaries are not found on any modern map. The Sonoma County Assessor has established a Tax Rate Area that includes the best estimate of the District boundaries. District boundaries and sphere of influence are coterminous.

## **Shiloh Cemetery District**

Date of District Formation	The Shiloh Cemetery District was formed in 1937 by resolution of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 13,200 acres, including the Town of Windsor.
Enabling Legislation	Cemetery Districts pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 9000 et seq.
Authorized Services	The law permits a cemetery district to maintain and operate a cemetery, including all other support functions.
Current Services	The Shiloh Cemetery District provides burial services to the public and maintains the cemetery grounds, buildings and roads.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District owns three parcels. A 6 acre developed parcels includes the District office, storage/shop building, memorial area and cemetery plots. An additional 0.67 acre parcel, located on the northern side of Shiloh Road, is currently under development for additional burial plots. The third parcel, located on the on the southern side of Shiloh Road, is 4.9 acres and being held for future expansion. Infrastructure includes office structure, storage shop, fencing, gates and retention walls.
Selection of Board Members	The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors appoints the Board of Trustees.
Number of Board Members	The Board of Trustees consists of 5 members.
Members Terms of Office	The Trustees are appointed to 4-year terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from service charges and plot maintenance.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0091 ranging from 0.0081 to 0.0093 (54 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	None

District Staffing and Employees	The District employs three full-time employees, two of which perform the maintenance.
Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is held at 9:00 A.M. on the second Wednesday of each month.
Meeting Location	7130 Windsor Road, Windsor, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 398,838
Office Location, if any	The office is located at 7130 Windsor Road, Windsor
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 7130 Windsor Road, Windsor CA Phone Number: 707-838-6684
Web Site, if any	None

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### **General Note:**

The District cemetery is located in Windsor at the northwest corner of Shiloh and Windsor Roads. The District roughly encloses the area between Mark West Creek on the south, the Windsor Winery/Brooks Properties on the north, Chalk Hill Road on the east and the Russian River on the west. District boundaries and sphere of influence are coterminous.

The cemetery is the former site of the area's first Methodist church, where the first burials are believed to have occurred in early 1836. In 1885, the Shiloh Association was formed to collect donations for upkeep, and in 1937, voters formed the Shiloh Cemetery District to fund operations through special tax revenues. Any current or former resident or taxpayer of the District, and his or her family, is entitled to cemetery burial or interment.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DISTRICTS**

## **Cazadero Community Services District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1963.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 17.6 square miles
Enabling Legislation	Community Service District pursuant to Government Code Sections 61000 et seq. Community Service Districts can provide water services, sewage disposal, solid waste disposal, fire protection, recreation and park services, street lighting and landscaping, vector control, police protection, library services, road maintenance, emergency medical services, airport management, flood control, weed and rubbish abatement, hydroelectric facility operation, snow removal, animal control, cemetery operations, and other services as defined in the law.
Authorized Services	The District is authorized to provide fire protection, street lighting and to support recreational and cultural services in the Cazadero area.
Mutual Aid Agreements	
Current Services	The District provides fire protection and street lighting and supports recreational and cultural services in the Cazadero area.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District maintains two fire stations, fire equipment, tennis courts and a playground. The fire stations are located at:  1. 5985 Cazadero Highway, Cazadero, CA
Selection of Board Members	Registered voters residing within District boundaries elect the Board of Directors.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.

District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.1383 ranging from 0.0357 to 0.1673 (8 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	
District Staffing and Employees	Staff includes volunteer firefighters, including an unpaid chief, as well as a paid manager and custodian.
Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held at 8:00 P.M. on the second Monday of each month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meet at the Cazadero Community Services District Firehouse, Station #1, located at 5985 Cazadero Highway, Cazadero, California.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	The District's annual Revenues are; 1. \$ 206,078 for Fire Protection, 2. \$ 3,020 for Street Lighting and Landscape, and 3. \$ 5,138 for Parks and Recreation
Office Location, if any	Cazadero Community Services District Firehouse, Station #1, located at 5985 Cazadero Highway, Cazadero, California.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: PO Box 508 Cazadero, CA 95421 Phone Number: 707-632-5960
Web Site, if any	None

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### **General Notes:**

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 5872-1 organized the Cazadero Community Services District of Sonoma County on April 30, 1963; voters approved formation of the District as of 1964.

## **Graton Community Services District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 2003.
District Area	The District service area encompasses approximately 260 acres.
Enabling Legislation	Community Service District pursuant to Government Code Sections 61000 et seq. Community Service Districts can provide water services, sewage disposal, solid waste disposal, fire protection, recreation and park services, street lighting and landscaping, vector control, police protection, library services, road maintenance, emergency medical services, airport management, flood control, weed and rubbish abatement, hydroelectric facility operation, snow removal, animal control, cemetery operations, and other services as defined in the law.
Authorized Services	The Graton Community Services District is authorized to provide wastewater/sanitation and recreation and park services.
Current Services	The Graton Community Services District provides wastewater/sanitation services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District owns and operates the wastewater treatment plant located at 4780 Ross Road, Graton, CA. The District also owns an office building and a 22 acre parcel used for irrigation with secondary wastewater.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	Operations are funded though user fees and charges.
Property Tax Allocation	None
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The District employs a plant operator, two assistants and a bookkeeper. The general manager is an independent contractor.

Meeting Schedule	Meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month.
Meeting Location	Varies. See meeting agenda.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 2,319,211
Office Location, if any	250 Ross Lane, Graton, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.gratoncsd.org/ http://beehivedesignstudio.com/graton/GCSD.html

### **General Notes:**

The Graton Community Services District (GCSD) was formed in 2004 upon voter dissolution of its predecessor, the Graton Sanitation Zone in 2003, and approval of the District as its successor. The Zone had been originally formed in 1976, and in 1995, the Sonoma County Water Agency assumed operational control from the county Transportation and Public Works Department.

## **Occidental Community Services District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1960.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 25 square miles in and around the unincorporated community of Occidental, west of Sebastopol.
Enabling Legislation	Community Service District pursuant to Government Code Sections 61000 et seq. Community Service Districts can provide water services, sewage disposal, solid waste disposal, fire protection, recreation and park services, street lighting and landscaping, vector control, police protection, library services, road maintenance, emergency medical services, airport management, flood control, weed and rubbish abatement, hydroelectric facility operation, snow removal, animal control, cemetery operations, and other services as defined in the law.
Authorized Services	The Occidental Community Services District is authorized to provide water, fire protection, street lighting and landscaping services.
Current Services	The District provides water, fire protection, landscaping, and lighting services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District maintains one fire station located at 3800 Bohemian Highway, Occidental
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from services fees and donations.
Property Tax Allocation	The District obtains property taxes for fire services. The District receives a median property tax share of 0.0 365 in 17 TRA's ranging from 0.0321 to 0.0379.
Special Taxes or Assessments	None

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District Staffing and Employees	Staff includes volunteer firefighters, an unpaid chief and an administrative clerk. The District contracts with Russian River Utilities for operation of its water system.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meet at the Occidental Firehouse, 3800 Bohemian Highway, Occidental, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	The District's revenues are: 1. \$317,948 for Fire, 2. \$ 1 for Recreation 3. \$20,450 for Street Lighting and Landscape 4. \$82,575 for Water
Office Location, if any	The District does not maintain an office.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	None

### **General Notes:**

The original District boundaries were expanded when the District began providing fire protection services though the boundaries of the water service area remained the same. The District provides water service to both residential and commercial customers. Of the approximately 81 District customers, seven use 50 percent of the water. The District approved an assessment District in 2003 to improve the level of service and dependability of the water system.

## **County Service Areas (CSA)**

## **County Service Area No. 40 (Fire Services)**

Date of District Formation	CSA 40 was formed in 1993.
District Area	The District encompasses all the unincorporated territory within Sonoma County. It is approximately 640 square miles or about 43 percent of the total County acreage.
Enabling Legislation	County Service Area pursuant to Government Code Sections 25210.1 et seq.
Authorized Services	The authorized Services of CSA 40 are: (1) Fire protection, fire suppression, vegetation management, search and rescue, hazardous material emergency response, and ambulances; (2) Emergency medical services; (3) Abatement of weeds and rubbish; (4) Acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of community facilities, including, but not limited to, cultural facilities, child care centers, community centers, fire stations, libraries, museums, and theaters, and (5) Law enforcement and police protection.
Current Services	The District provides: (1) Fire protection, fire suppression, vegetation management, search and rescue, hazardous material emergency response, and ambulances; (2) Emergency medical services; (3) Abatement of weeds and rubbish; (4) Acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of community facilities, including, but not limited to, cultural facilities, child care centers, community centers, fire stations, libraries, museums, and theaters.
Properties and Facilities Managed	
Selection of Board Members	The District is governed by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Each supervisor is elected by the registered voters residing within that supervisor's district.
Number of Board Members	The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is comprised of five members.
Members Terms of Office	The supervisors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.

District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from special assessments and funds raised by the volunteer fire companies.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0340 with the Area appearing in 99 TRAs ranging from 0.0297 to 0.1922.
Special Taxes or Assessments	The residents of five zones of benefit within the District have approved special assessments to provide themselves with enhanced levels of service.
District Staffing and Employees	The District is staffed by employees and volunteers of the County Department of Emergency Services and volunteer fire companies.
Meeting Schedule	Every Tuesday, except for holidays
Meeting Location	County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors Chambers, 575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 4,423,263
Office Location, if any	2300 County Center Drive, Suite 221A, Santa Rosa, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.sonoma-county.org/des/

### **General Notes:**

In the mid-1990s, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors created County Service Area No. 40 (Fire Services) (CSA 40) to consolidate the County's volunteer fire companies and guarantee them a more reliable revenue stream. The District encompasses over 640 square miles of unincorporated territory that does not receive fire services from a city or an independent fire protection district. The District serves an estimated population of 13,050 residents residing on approximately 11,000 parcels.

The Sonoma County Department of Emergency Services coordinates fire protection activities in the district providing a basic level of service through contracts with 15 volunteer fire companies. These fire companies continue to exist as independent nonprofit corporations but operate under

the oversight of the County. The Department is staffed by county employees with the primary responsibility to advise the Board of Supervisors on fire service issues, assist with disaster response planning, respond to emergency incidents, and provide training for the volunteer companies. The fire companies provide the volunteer firefighters, facilities and equipment to respond to calls for fire and emergency medical services.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) contracts with the county to provide what are called "Amador Plan" services to CSA 40 areas. Under that Program, Cal Fire personnel provide fire protection services from Cal Fire facilities, using Cal Fire apparatus, provided this does not supplant locally-provided services. Local agencies are billed the additional costs for extended staff availability, unplanned overtime and operating expenses. The Amador Program allows the County to have access to year-around fire protection services at an economical cost. State law defines conditions under which Cal Fire may enter cooperative fire protection agreements with qualifying entities during "non-fire" season.

## **County Service Area No. 41 (Multi-Services)**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1993.
District Area	The District encompasses all the unincorporated territory within Sonoma County.
Enabling Legislation	County Service Area pursuant to Government Code Sections 25210.1 et seq.
Authorized Services	County Service Area No. 41 (Multi-Services) is authorized to provide:  1. Law enforcement and police protection  2. Recreation, including, but not limited to, parks, parkways, and open space  3. Libraries  4. Television translator stations and low-power television services  5. Supplying water for any beneficial uses  6. The collection, treatment, or disposal of sewage, wastewater, recycled water, and storm water  7. The surveillance, prevention, abatement, and control of pests, vectors, and vector borne diseases  8. The acquisition, construction, improvement, and maintenance, including, but not limited to, street sweeping and snow removal, of public streets, roads, bridges, highways, rights-of-way, easements, and any incidental works  9. The acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of street lighting and landscaping on public property, rights-of-way, and easements  10. The collection, transfer, handling, and disposal of solid waste, including, but not limited to, source reduction, recycling, and composting  11. Funding for land use planning within the county service area by a planning agency  12. Soil conservation  13. Animal control  14. Funding for the services of a municipal advisory council established pursuant to Section 31010  15. Transportation  16. Public safety dispatch  17. Public safety dispatch  17. Public safety helicopter  18. Geologic hazard abatement on public or private property or structures where the board of supervisors determines that it is in the public interest to abate geologic hazards  19. Cemeteries

	<ol> <li>The conversion of existing overhead electrical and communications facilities,</li> <li>Open-space and habitat conservation, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, preservation, maintenance, and operation of land to protect unique, sensitive, threatened, or endangered species, or historical or culturally significant properties. Any setback or buffer requirements to protect open-space or habitat lands shall be owned by a public agency and maintained by the county service area so as not to infringe on the customary husbandry practices of any neighboring commercially productive agricultural, timber, or livestock operations.</li> <li>Airports.</li> <li>Flood control and drainage</li> </ol>
Current Services	Sanitation and street lighting     Water     Recreation and Park
Properties and Facilities Managed	\$ 91,418 for Lighting and Lighting Maintenance \$ 149,327 for Recreation and Park \$ 297,387 for Waste Disposal \$ 740,627 for Water
Selection of Board Members	The District is governed by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Each supervisor is elected by the registered voters residing within that supervisor's district.
Number of Board Members	The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is comprised of five members.
Members Terms of Office	The supervisors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The services provided by the District are managed by various county departments, each with a separate budget for the assigned function.
Property Tax Allocation	
Special Taxes or Assessments	
District Staffing and Employees	Various County agencies manage and the District with existing staff.
Meeting Schedule	Every Tuesday, except for holidays

Meeting Location	County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors Chambers, 575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	Lighting and Lighting Management \$ 91,418 Recreation and Park \$ 149,327 Waste Disposal \$ 297,387 Water \$ 740,627
Office Location, if any	Sanitation – Sonoma County Water Agency; Permit and Resources Management Department Water and Lighting Districts – Department of Transportation and Public Works Parks – Regional Parks Department
Web Site, if any	None

#### **General Notes:**

County Service Area No. 41 (Multi-Services) (CSA 41) was created in 1993 as the successor in interest to the rights, duties and obligations of: fifteen CSAs that provided sewer and/or water services; seven CSAs that had replaced failing homeowners' associations for subdivisions with common facilities; two CSAs that had provided recreation and park services; and one CSA that had provided street lighting. A list of the original districts and the service(s) they provided can be found in Appendix 5. The District was created as a single, multi-purpose district to eliminate many duplicative single-purpose districts and simplify the Board of Supervisors' means of providing and funding authorized extended services throughout the unincorporated county.

Geographically, the District encompasses all the unincorporated area of the county and includes zones of benefit and services. When the District was formed, it was authorized to perform all services designated under the then-existing law. In 2009, LAFCO reviewed the services authorized pursuant to a re-write of the CSA law and re-affirmed for the District all Services allowed by law. The District's Services are found in Appendix 4.

Various County departments manage the functions of CSA 41. Each department has a separate budget for the assigned function.

The Permit and Resource Management Department (PRMD) has a contract with The Sea Ranch Association which operates CSA No. 41 Sea Ranch - Zone 2. The Zone, which was formed in 1986, is responsible for on-site wastewater disposal to non-sewered areas of the Sea Ranch development; this includes inspection, monitoring, maintenance, and operation. PRMD provides assistance with budget preparation and fee ordinances and, along with the county Auditor, acts as a bank for the Zone's funds.

The Transportation and Public Works Department is responsible for water and street lighting management, providing for operations, maintenance, and improvement of four separate small

water systems (Fitch Mountain, Salmon Creek, Freestone, and Jenner). Additionally, the Department's Lighting District Division provides streetlight service to four zones of benefit under CSA 41 (Roseland, Airport/Larkfield/Wikiup, Meadowlark, and Airport Business Center).

The Sonoma County Water Agency owns Sanitation Zone 1-Sea Ranch, which provides public sewer services to certain parcels within the development; facilities consist of two wastewater collection and treatment systems located in the central and north areas of Sea Ranch. The Agency contracts with The Sea Ranch Association to maintain and operate the system.

The Regional Parks Department is responsible for District parks within the Sonoma Valley. The Department maintains 19.2 acres of developed parks, including Arnold Field, and 1.4 acres of undeveloped parkland.

# **Fire Protection Districts**

# **Bennett Valley Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1948.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 25 square miles and is located southeast of Santa Rosa bordering the Kenwood, Glen Ellen, Rancho Adobe, and Rincon Valley Fire Protection Districts.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	Countywide Master Mutual Aid through REDCOM dispatch.
Current Services	The District services include fire protection and prevention, emergency medical response and rescue, and hazardous materials response.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District operates one fire station at 6161 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from charges for services and a special tax.

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Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0822 with a range of 0.0292 to 0.0855 (13 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	The District levies a special tax of \$37.50 per unit of risks with a maximum of \$180 for a single-family residence.
District Staffing and Employees	The District employs a part-time bookkeeper and both full-time and part-time firefighters supplemented by volunteer firefighters. Under an MOU, Gold Ridge Fire Protection District provides a fire chief, three battalion chiefs and an administrative assistant to the District.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors normally meets on the second Tuesday of each month.
Meeting Location	The meeting is held at the District fire station located at 6161 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 706,037
Office Location, if any	The administrative offices are located at 4500 Hessel Road, Sebastopol, CA.
Contact Information	Fire Station Mailing Address: 6161 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa Phone Number: 707-578-7761 Administration Mailing Address: 4500 Hessel Rd, Sebastopol, Ca 95472 Phone Number: 707-823-1084
Web Site, if any	www.bennettvalleyfire.org/

# **Bodega Bay Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1984.
District Area	The District provides service to an area of 37 square miles in western Sonoma County, bordering on the Monte Rio Fire Protection District and parts of CSA 40. Its ambulance zone extends to approximately 200 square miles.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.  5. Ambulance services
Mutual Aid Agreements	None Reported
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, prevention and suppression, emergency medical and paramedic services and ambulance services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District operates one fire station at 510 Highway 1, Bodega Bay
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0390 ranging from 0.0344 to 0.0417 (10 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	The District levies a special tax of \$130 per unit of risk.

District Staffing and Employees	As of 2011, the District is staffed with a full-time fire chief, a part-time administrative assistant, three captains, four paramedic/firefighters, two firefighter/EMTs, nine firefighter/interns, two reserve firefighters and four volunteers.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of each month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meet at 510 Highway 1, Bodega Bay, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 1,584,115
Office Location, if any	The District offices are located at 510 Highway 1, Bodega Bay, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: PO Box 6, Bodega Bay, CA 94923 Phone Number: Administration (707) 875-3700 Operations (707) 875-3001
Web Site, if any	www.bodegabayfire.com

#### **General Notes:**

The District has mutual aid agreements with surrounding fire protection districts and volunteer fire companies.

## **Cloverdale Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1996.
District Area	Located on Sonoma County's northern boundary, the District encompasses approximately 76 square miles including the City of Cloverdale.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	Auto-Aid agreements with Geyserville, Healdsburg, Cal Fire and Windsor in various locations in the District.
Current Services	The District provides fire suppression, rescue, EMT response, fire prevention, and public education services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District operates a fire station at 451 S. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale CA.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from a per-unit special assessment and fees for service.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0444 (10 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	None

District Staffing and Employees	The District staffing consists of a paid staff of four full- time firefighters and two firefighter apprentices, a part time chief and a part-time administrative assistant supplemented by volunteers.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets on the second Monday of the month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meets Cloverdale Fire Station, 451 S. Cloverdale Blvd. Cloverdale, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$1,025,877
Office Location, if any	Cloverdale Fire Station, 451 S. Cloverdale Blvd. Cloverdale, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 451 S. Cloverdale Blvd, Cloverdale, California 95425 Phone Number: (707) 894-3545
Web Site, if any	www.cloverdalefiredistrict.com

#### **General Notes:**

The District has cooperative arrangements with the City of Cloverdale including a joint Master Plan and a shared public safety facility.

## **Forestville Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1948.
District Area	The District, located in the unincorporated area of western Sonoma County California along the lower Russian River, encompasses approximately 25 square miles. It borders on several fire protection agencies including CSA 40 and the Monte Rio, Russian River, Windsor, Rincon Valley, and Graton Fire Protection Districts.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	None reported
Current Services	The District provides fire protection and prevention as well as rescue and medical services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District maintains one fire station at 6554 Mirabel Road, Forestville, CA.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from two special taxes, the first is \$10 per unit of risk, the second a flat rate of \$75 per improved parcels and various grants, donations and miscellaneous income.

Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.1189 ranging from 0.0333 to 0.1273.
Special Taxes or Assessments	The District receives approximately 24% of its revenue from two special taxes approved by a two- thirds vote of the District's voters in 1982 and 2010. The purpose of these special taxes is to obtain, furnish, operate and maintain fire suppression equipment and apparatus, and to fund other necessary fire protection and prevention expenses of the District. Residential properties are rated at 4 units of risk for the 1982 tax and a flat rate of \$75 for all improved parcels.
District Staffing and Employees	The District staff consists of one fire chief, six paid firefighters and 25 volunteer firefighters.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of the month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meets at 6554 Mirabel Road, Forestville, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 1,090,844
Office Location, if any	The District Offices are located at 6554 Mirabel Road, Forestville, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: PO Box 427 Forestville, CA 95436 Phone Number: 707-887-2212
Web Site, if any	www.forestvillefire.org/

# **Geyserville Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1996.
District Area	The District covers an area of 216 square miles in northern Sonoma County, bordering on the City of Healdsburg, the Cloverdale Fire Protection District, and unincorporated areas included within CSA 40.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	Auto-Aid agreements with Cloverdale, Healdsburg and Cal Fire and Windsor in various locations in the District.
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, rescue, emergency medical care, and hazardous material emergency response services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District has four facilities; Headquarters: 20975 Geyserville Ave, Geyserville, Station 2: 6571 Hwy 128, Healdsburg, CA Station 3: 3970 Dry Creek Rd, Healdsburg, CA Station 4: 3250 Hwy 128, Geyserville, CA
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from a service contract with the local Dry Creek Band of Pomo Indians.

Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0436 ranging from 0.0342 to 0.0452 (20 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The District consists of four full-time paid firefighters, one part-time paid fire chief and over 30 volunteers.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors conducts regular public meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
Meeting Location	20975 Geyserville Ave, Geyserville
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 1,094,253
Office Location, if any	The administrative offices are located at 20975 Geyserville Ave, Geyserville, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: P.O. Box 217, Geyserville, CA 95441 Phone Number: 707-857-3535
Web Site, if any	www.geyservillefire.com/

**General Notes:** Long term plan is looking at expanding the District boundaries to include all of the Geysers and Pine Flat area now part of CSA 40 and also including the Knights Valley area.

## **Glen Ellen Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1958.
District Area	Glen Ellen Fire Protection District covers an area of 27 square miles, southeast of the City of Santa Rosa and within a quarter mile of Sonoma County's eastern border.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	Mutual Aide with Kenwood Fire Protection District
Current Services	The District services including fire protection, rescue, emergency medical care, and hazardous material emergency response.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District has two stations: 1. Headquarters - 13445 Arnold Drive, and 2. 7301 Sonoma Mountain Road (unstaffed.)
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.1097 ranging from 0.0316 to 0.1109 (23 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	None

District Staffing and Employees	The District maintains a staff of full-time and part-time paid employees supplemented by volunteers.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of the month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meet at 13445 Arnold Dr, Glen Ellen, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 753,110
Office Location, if any	The District offices are located at 13445 Arnold Dr, Glen Ellen, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 13445 Arnold Drive, Glen Ellen California 95442 Phone Number: 707 996-9266
Web Site, if any	www.glenellenfire.org

# **Gold Ridge Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1993.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 75 square miles in the unincorporated western Sonoma County.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	None Reported
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, emergency medical response and rescue, fire prevention, public education, and hazardous materials emergency response.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District has three stations: Station 1: 4500 Hessel Road (Headquarters) Station 2: 1690 Watertrough Road (Twin Hills Station) Station 3: 456 Bohemian Hwy in Freestone
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from rental income, permit fees and annual payments from the Bennett Valley Fire Protection District for administrative and operational services provided under a Memorandum of Understanding that began in 1997.

Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0489 with a range of 0.0378 to 0.1969 (36 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	The District levies a \$5.00 per unit of risks special tax.
District Staffing and Employees	The District staff includes ten full-time employees, several part-time employees and approximately 50 volunteers and unpaid interns. The District provides administrative services to the Bennett Valley Fire Protection District.
Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held on the first Wednesday of each month.
Meeting Location	On a rotating schedule the Board of Directors, meet at the Hessel and Twin Hills stations.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 1,653,679
Office Location, if any	The administrative offices are located at 4500 Hessel Road, Sebastopol, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 4500 Hessel Road Sebastopol, CA 95472 Phone Number: (707) 823-1084
Web Site, if any	www.goldridgefire.org

## **Graton Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1958.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 26 square miles immediately northwest of the City of Sebastopol.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	None Reported
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, rescue, emergency medical care, and hazardous material emergency response services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District owns two stations located at 3205 Ross Road, Graton, CA (not in service, in escrow to be sold) and 3750 Highway 116 North, Sebastopol, CA.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from earned interest, state funds, intergovernmental revenues, and donations.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0639 with a range of 0.0631 to 0.0647 (21 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	None

District Staffing and Employees	The District has an all-volunteer staff.
Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held on the second Tuesday of each month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meets at the Graton Fire Station located at 3205 Ross Road, Graton
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 3,633,352
Office Location, if any	The administrative offices are located at the Graton Fire Station, 3750 Highway 116 North, Sebastopol
Contact Information	Mailing Address: PO Box A, Graton, CA 95444 Phone Number: (707) 823-8400.
Web Site, if any	www.gratonfire.com/

#### **General Notes:**

The District also owns the Green Valley School, a two-room school house. It was sold to the District for \$1 when it was no longer needed.

## **Kenwood Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1945.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 40 square miles of territory located slightly southeast of the City of Santa Rosa and bordering on Napa County.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	City of Santa Rosa and Glen Ellen Fire Protection District.
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, rescue, emergency medical care, and hazardous material emergency response services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District operates one fire station located at 9045 Sonoma Highway, Kenwood, CA.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a three-member Board of Directors.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from a special tax per unit of risk.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0901with a range of 0.0896 to 0.0948 (7 TRA's)

Special Taxes or Assessments	The District levies a special assessment of \$10 per unit of risk. Single family dwellings generally have four units of risk, mobile homes have two and commercial units may have as many as ten to twenty.
District Staffing and Employees	The District employs a full-time fire captain, a full-time fire chief, an assistant fire chief, five fire captains, eight part-time firefighters and 30 firefighters who serve on a paid/on call basis.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of every month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meets at 9045 Sonoma Highway, Kenwood, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 690,219
Office Location, if any	The District Office is located at 9045 Sonoma Highway, Kenwood
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 9045 Sonoma Highway, Kenwood, CA 95452 Phone Number: 707-833-2042
Web Site, if any	www.kenwoodfire.com

## **Monte Rio Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1920.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 45 square miles of western Sonoma County.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	Bodega Bay FPD, Cazadero CSD, County Fire/Camp Meeker, Forestville FPD, Russian River FPD, and Timber Cove FPD.
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, rescue, emergency medical care, and hazardous material emergency response services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District operates three fire stations  1. Headquarters: 9870 Main Street, Monte Rio, CA  2. Station 2: 24900 Highway 116, Duncans Mills, CA  3. Station 3: 10432 Highway 1, Jenner, CA
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.1256 with a range of 0.0360 to 0.1491(42 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	None

District Staffing and Employees	The Districts staff consists of volunteers and a part-time administrative assistant.
Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held on the second Tuesday of each month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meets at the Monte Rio Fire Station located at 20385 Highway 116 in Monte Rio, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$
Office Location, if any	The Districts offices are located at 20385 Highway 116, Monte Rio, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: PO Box 279, Monte Rio, CA 95462 Phone Number: 865-2067
Web Site, if any	None

## **Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1993.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 86 square miles located just east of the cities of Rohnert Park and Petaluma. Its service area includes the City of Cotati, Sonoma State University and the unincorporated communities of Penngrove and Canon Manor.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	None Reported
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, rescue, emergency medical care, and hazardous material emergency response services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District operates three stations: Station 1: 1 East Cotati Avenue in Cotati, CA Station 2: 11000 Main Street, Penngrove, CA Station 3: 99 Liberty School Road, Petaluma. CA
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from a special parcel tax, rental and interest income and cost recovery for some services.

Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.1104 with a range of 0.0313 to 0.13.05 (10 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	A special at per unit at risk assessment of \$10 per unit of risk.
District Staffing and Employees	The RAFD is a combination fire district which has a full time paid staff supplemented with part time firefighters, volunteer firefighters and support volunteer members of the community. As of 2011, there are fifteen full-time staff, fifteen part-time firefighters, six volunteer firefighters, one part-time fire chief and administrative assistant.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets on the third Friday every month.
Meeting Location	The meeting is held at the Cotati Fire Station located at 1 East Cotati Avenue, Cotati, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 3,015,952
Office Location, if any	Cotati Fire Station at 1 East Cotati Avenue, Cotati
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 11000 Main Street, Penngrove, CA Phone Number: 707-795-6011
Web Site, if any	www.rancho-adobe-fire.org/

#### **General Notes:**

The District was formed in 1993 through the consolidation of the Cotati and the Penngrove Fire Protection Districts.

# **Rincon Valley Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1948.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 125 square miles, adjacent to the southwestern, western, northern, and northeastern borders of the City of Santa Rosa. Less than one square mile of the District's service area falls within the southeast part of the Town of Windsor.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services. 2. Rescue services. 3. Emergency medical services. 4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	<ol> <li>Bennett Valley Fire Protection District</li> <li>Cal Fire</li> <li>Forestville Fire Protection District</li> <li>Gold Ridge Fire Protection District</li> <li>Graton Fire Protection District</li> <li>Kenwood Fire Protection District</li> <li>Mountain Volunteer Fire Company (CSA 40)</li> <li>Ranncho Adobe Fire Protection District</li> <li>Rohnert Park Department of Public Service</li> <li>Saint Helena Fire Department</li> <li>Santa Rosa Fire Department</li> <li>Sebastopol Fire Department</li> <li>County Fire</li> <li>Windsor Fie Protection District</li> </ol>
Current Services	The District provides fire protection services as well as emergency medical services and hazardous material response.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District shares the headquarters with the Windsor Fire Protection District at 8200 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor and has four stations:  1. 91 Middle Rincon Road, Santa Rosa,  2. 45 Larkfield Circle Drive, Larkfield,  3. 207 Todd Road, Santa Rosa, and  4. 2601 Calistoga Road, Santa Rosa

Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from a special tax on residential and commercial properties, interest income, fees for service, state funding, and mitigation fee funds used to cover a portion of equipment purchases.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0823 with a range of 0.0320 to 0.1199 (52 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	Special tax for residential \$36 per unit and \$.05 per square foot for commercial.
District Staffing and Employees	As of 2011, the District staff includes 20 full time employees, 18 suppression personnel, 2 full time chief officers, and 1 administrative assistant. There are also 40 to 50 volunteer and part time firefighting personnel.
Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held on the second Monday of each month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meetings are held at the Larkfield Station, located at 45 Lark Center Drive, Santa Rosa, California.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 4,685,018
Office Location, if any	The District shares the headquarters with the Windsor Fire Protection District at 8200 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 8200 Old Redwood Highway Windsor, CA 95492 Phone Number: (707) 539-1801
Web Site, if any	www.rvfire.org/

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#### **General Notes:**

The District serves numerous areas formerly served by CSA 13 (CSA 40 was created after most areas had joined the district), allowing for improved fire protection services without the creation of new districts. In August of 2011, the Boards of Directors for the Rincon Valley and Windsor Fire Protection District voted to approve a joint powers agreement (JPA) between the two districts for the provision of administrative services. The JPA creates a new entity, named Central Fire Authority of Sonoma County. The districts had been sharing management tasks and costs several years. The JPA formalizes the arrangement, creating one management entity over both departments. There also will be cost savings--personnel, equipment, office supplies achieved through economies of scale.

## **Roseland Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1946
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 2.78 square miles in an unincorporated area in the southwest corner of the City of Santa Rosa.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Current Services	The District receives fire protection, emergency medical service, rescue and hazardous materials response service from the City of Santa Rosa. These services have been provided by the Santa Rosa Fire Department to the Fire District since 1983 under a contractual agreement.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District owns the Roseland Fire Station located at 830 Burbank Avenue in the unincorporated area of Roseland.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a three-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.1380 with a range of 0.1355 to 0.1574 (20 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The District maintains a part-time administrative staff person.

Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held at 5:00 P.M. on the second Monday of each month.
Meeting Location	Roseland Fire Station, 830 Burbank Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 463,144
Office Location, if any	None
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 880 Burbank Ave, Santa Rosa, CA Phone Number: (707) 543-3500
Web Site, if any	None

#### **General Notes:**

District revenues come from property taxes, the majority of which are paid to the City of Santa Rosa to cover the cost of services provided. The remainder covers the cost of part-time administrative staff and board members, insurance and fire station maintenance.

## **Russian River Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1924.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 18 square miles, in western Sonoma County between the Monte Rio and Forestville FPDs. Until the late 1990s, it was known as Guerneville Fire Protection District.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.  5. Ambulance services
Mutual Aid Agreements	Sonoma County Mutual Aid Agreements and California Master Mutual Aid Agreement.
Current Services	The District provides fire protection services as well as ambulance, emergency medical services and hazardous material response.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District has two fire stations: 1. 14100 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville 2. 14770 Canyon Seven Rd., Rio Nido.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.1223 with a range of 0.0385 to 0.1362 (27 TRA's)

Special Taxes or Assessments	In 2010, the registered voters within the District approved a special tax as follows: residential parcels pay \$140 a year for the first dwelling, \$70 for each additional dwellings; agricultural land pay \$175 per parcel; industrial land pay \$350 per parcel.
District Staffing and Employees	The Russian River Fire Protection District is staffed by twelve full time personnel, a shared fire chief, and an administrative assistant. The paid staff is supplemented by volunteer and intern firefighters.
Meeting Schedule	District board meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month.
Meeting Location	Meetings are held at the fire Station on 14100 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 1,765,530
Office Location, if any	16390 Main Street, Suites C & D, Guerneville
Contact Information	Mailing Address: P. O. Box 367 Guerneville, CA 95446 Phone Number: 707-869-9089
Web Site, if any	www.russianriverfire.org

#### **General Notes:**

The Russian River Fire Protection District was originally formed in 1922 as the Guerneville Fire Protection District. In the beginning, the department was staffed by local volunteers from the community. In 1980, the District took over the local ambulance service and hired its first full-time paid personnel. In 1996, the District officially changed its name to the Russian River Fire Protection District, more adequately representing the communities that the District serves.

## **Schell-Vista Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1955.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 75 square miles in the southeastern corner of Sonoma County, adjacent to the City of Sonoma on the west and the County line on the east.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	IRP with Sonoma county fire, and Auto Aid with Napa County in designated areas
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, rescue, emergency medical care, and hazardous material emergency response services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District has two fire stations. Headquarters is located at 22950 Broadway, and Station 2 is located 1215 E Napa Street, Sonoma, CA
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a three-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from a Mello-Roos special tax used to pay for construction of a fire station and contracts with the County and private entities to provide service to areas of Napa County adjacent to its boundary.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0437 (11 TRA's)

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Special Taxes or Assessments	The District has a Mello-Roos tax with \$44 maximum. Taxes decrease as additional parcels are added to District. This funding goes directly to service the Mello-Roos bond passed to pay for construction of a new station.
District Staffing and Employees	The Schell Vista Fire Protection District has one full time, a part-time staff and paid call personnel with a fire chief, assistant fire chief, battalion chiefs, and captains
Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held on the first Wednesday of each month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meetings are held at the Schell Vista Station located at 22950 Broadway, Sonoma CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 1,666,584
Office Location, if any	The District offices are located at located at 22950 Broadway, Sonoma
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 22950 Broadway, Sonoma CA, 95476 Phone Number: (707) 938-2633
Web Site, if any	www.schellvistafire.com

# **Special Notes:**

## **Timber Cove Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1996.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 48 square miles located along the coast in western Sonoma County
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, rescue, emergency medical care, and hazardous material emergency response services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District has one fire station at 30800 Seaview Rd Cazadero, CA.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a three-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.1041(4 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	The District levies a special tax of \$15.00 per unit of risk. A single family residential unit is assigned five units of risk.
District Staffing and Employees	The District has no paid personnel, relying, instead, on volunteer firefighters and contracts with the Sonoma County Department of Emergency of Services for administrative services.

Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets on the third Thursday of each month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meet in the fire station located at 30800 Seaview Rd, Cazadero.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 154,406
Office Location, if any	The District offices are at 30800 Seaview Rd, Cazadero.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 30800 Seaview Road Cazadero CA 95421 Phone Number: 707-847-3299
Web Site, if any	www.timbercovefire.org/ (has not been updated since December 10, 2009)

## **Valley of the Moon Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1926.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 28 square miles immediately northwest of the City of Sonoma. The Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority serves the communities of Sonoma, Boyes Hot Springs, El Verano, Fetters Hot Springs, Agua Caliente, Diamond-A, Temelec and Seven Flags.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services. 2. Rescue services 3. Emergency medical services. 4. Hazardous material emergency response services.  With the cooperation of the City of Sonoma, the District has limited ambulance services
Mutual Aid Agreements	None
Current Services	The Districts services include fire suppression and prevention, emergency rescue, emergency medical treatment and ambulance services. Department provides ambulance service that serves the entire Sonoma Valley, an area of approximately 100 square miles.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District operates four fire stations: Fire Station 1: 630 Second Street West in Sonoma (outside the District) Fire Station 2: 877 Center Street in El Verano Fire Station 3: 1 West Agua Caliente Road in Agua Caliente Fire Station 4: 18798 Prospect Drive in the Diamond A subdivision
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.

District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from a special and funds from state programs.	
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.1392 with a range of 0.0362 to 0.1421 (22 TRA's)	
Special Taxes or Assessments	The District levies a \$10.00 per unit of risk special tax.	
District Staffing and Employees	Staffing consists of a fire chief, four division chiefs, eleven captains, fourteen engineers, 35 part-time firefighters, six full-time EMS employees, 30 part-time EMS employees and four clerical staff.	
Meeting Schedule	The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors occurs on the second Tuesday of each month.	
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meeting is held at the Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue Station 3, located at One West Agua Caliente Road, Sonoma, CA.	
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 3,598,719	
Office Location, if any	The offices of the Valley of the Moon Fire Protection District /Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority are located at 630 Second Street West, Sonoma, CA.	
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 630 Second Street West Sonoma, CA 95476 Phone Number: (707) 996-1002	
Web Site, if any	http://svfra.org	

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#### **General Notes**

On February 1, 2002, the City of Sonoma and Valley of the Moon Fire Protection District entered into a Joint Powers Agreement creating a public entity known as the Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue Authority. The purpose of the Authority was to eliminate duplication of equipment, personnel and resources, control costs and provide higher levels of fire and rescue services to both communities.

Both agencies are now realizing substantial benefits to the citizens and taxpayers of the City and District by employing common equipment, resources and personnel under consolidated administration and operations.	

### **Windsor Fire Protection District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1986.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 30 square miles centered on the Town of Windsor. Approximately 24 square miles lie outside the Town's boundary.
Enabling Legislation	Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13800 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Health and Safety Code authorizes the following services:  1. Fire protection services.  2. Rescue services.  3. Emergency medical services.  4. Hazardous material emergency response services.
Mutual Aid Agreements	Cal Fire     Geyserville Fire Protection District     Healdsburg Fire Department     Rincon Valley Fire Protection District     Sonoma County Fire
Current Services	The District provides fire protection, rescue, emergency medical services, hazardous material response, and other services relating to the protection of lives and property.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District has two fire stations: Station 1: 8200 Old Redwood Hwy; and Station 2: 444 Windsor River Road.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.

District Funding Source	About half the District's revenue comes from general property taxes based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from a special tax of per unit of risk. To cover capital costs, the Town of Windsor collects mitigation fees from developers based on how much demand for services new building is expected to generate.		
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0337 with a range of .0322 to 0.0337 (13 TRA's)		
Special Taxes or Assessments	The District levies a \$45.00 per unit of risk special tax.		
District Staffing and Employees	The District employs firefighters supplemented by volunteers and resident sleepers (unpaid firefighters who stay at the station and have assigned shifts).		
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors conducts regular public meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.		
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meets at 8200 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA.		
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 2,948,700		
Office Location, if any	The administrative offices are located at Station1, 8200 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor		
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 8200 Old Redwood Highway Windsor, CA 95492 Phone Number: (707) 838-1170		
Web Site, if any	www.windsorfire.net		

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#### **General Notes:**

The District has automatic aid agreements with Geyserville Fire Protection District, City of Healdsburg and Forestville Fire Protection District. In August of 2011, the Boards of Directors for the Rincon Valley and Windsor Fire Protection District voted to approve a joint powers agreement (JPA) between the two districts for the provision of administrative services. The JPA creates a new entity, named Central Fire Authority of Sonoma County. The districts had been sharing management tasks and costs several years. The JPA formalizes the arrangement,

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## **Health Care Districts**

### **Cloverdale Health Care District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1958.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 85 square miles.
Enabling Legislation	Health Care District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 32000 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is authorized to provide health facilities as articulated in Health and Safety Code Section 1250 and section 32000 et seq. These authorized services include, but not limited to:  1. General acute care hospital 2. Acute psychiatric hospital 3. Skilled nursing facility 4. Intermediate care facility 5. Congregate living health facility 6. Nursing facility 7. Acquire, maintain, and operate ambulances or ambulance services
Current Services	The District provides medical services, medical transport services, ambulance and advanced life support service within the Cloverdale
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District owns the dispatch garage facilities at 209 N Main St Cloverdale, CA
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0017 (17 TRA's)

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Special Taxes or Assessments	Cloverdale Healthcare District levies a special tax on each assessor's parcel of real property within the District to \$36 per parcel per year.		
District Staffing and Employees	The District full-time and part-time emergency medical technicians and paramedics are supplemented by volunteers.		
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets 2nd Monday of the month.		
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meets at 209 N Main St Cloverdale, CA.		
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 488,343		
Office Location, if any	The administrative offices are located at 209 N Main St Cloverdale, CA.		
Contact Information	Mailing Address: PO Box 434 Cloverdale, CA 95425 Phone Number: (707) 894-5862		
Web Site, if any	www.cloverdalehealthcaredistrict.com/		

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### **General Notes:**

Although the District was formed primarily to operate a hospital, a failed bond election in 1962 prevented that realization. In 1977, the District began the operation of an ambulance service, a service authorized under the hospital District law. The District added paramedic-level service in 1988.

## **North Sonoma County Healthcare District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 2002.
District Area	The North Sonoma County Healthcare District serves about 50,000 people living in North Sonoma County. The District includes the cities of Cloverdale and Healdsburg, the Town of Windsor, and the surrounding unincorporated areas including the community of Geyserville.
Enabling Legislation	Health Care District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 32000 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is authorized to provide health facilities as articulated in Health and Safety Code Section 1250 and Section 32000 et seq. These authorized services include, but not limited to:  1. General acute care hospital 2. Acute psychiatric hospital 3. Skilled nursing facility 4. Intermediate care facility 5. Congregate living health facility 6. Nursing facility 7. Acquire, maintain, and operate ambulances or ambulance services
Current Services	Services include the establishment, maintenance, and operation, or assistance in the operation of health care facilities or services. The District provides a variety of services, including an imaging center, including X-ray and scanning, occupational medicine, clinical laboratory, surgery services, emergency room services, rehabilitation services, and inpatient medical and surgical acute, subacute, and hospice care.
Properties and Facilities Managed	Healdsburg District Hospital located at 1375 University Avenue, Healdsburg, CA.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is from fees for services.

Property Tax Allocation	None
Special Taxes or Assessments	The District has a special tax of up to \$150 per taxable parcel.
District Staffing and Employees	
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets the last Wednesday of the month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meets at 1375 University Avenue, Healdsburg CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	
Office Location, if any	1375 University Avenue, Healdsburg CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number: (707) 431-6500
Web Site, if any	www.nschd.org/

Since 1905, the Healdsburg District Hospital provided access to emergency, acute care and other medical services to residents of and visitors to northern Sonoma County. In the late 1990s, with higher operating costs and reduced reimbursements imposing financial pressures on the hospital, a private, non-profit corporation was formed to purchase it. However, because it was not able to operate the hospital economically, the North Sonoma County Hospital District was formed in 2002 to assume responsibility for the hospital.

Under a Joint Services Agreement (JPA), the District participates in the Northern California Health Care Authority which works to create a regional entity to pool resources in the interests of greater efficiency in important aspects of healthcare. Other districts participating in the JPA are the Sonoma Valley Health Care District, Palm Drive Health Care District, and Mendocino Coast Health Care District.

### **Palm Drive Health Care District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 2000.
District Area	The District serves western Sonoma County, including the communities of Sebastopol, Graton, Forestville, Bodega Bay, Carmet, Salmon Creek, Jenner, Duncans Mills, Guerneville, Occidental, Freestone, Rio Nido, Monte Rio, Guernewood Park, Summerhome Park and Mirabel Heights.
Enabling Legislation	Health Care District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 32000 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is authorized to provide health facilities as articulated in Health and Safety Code Section 1250 and Section 32000 et seq. These authorized services include, but not limited to:  1. General acute care hospital 2. Acute psychiatric hospital 3. Skilled nursing facility 4. Intermediate care facility 5. Congregate living health facility 6. Nursing facility 7. Acquire, maintain, and operate ambulances or ambulance services
Current Services	Palm Drive Hospital offers a variety of services including medical and surgical ward, intensive care unit, emergency room, surgical services, inpatient and outpatient physical and occupational therapy unit, and laboratory and imaging departments.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District owns and operates Palm Drive Hospital - 501 Petaluma Avenue, Sebastopol, Palm Drive Medical Center - 6800 Palm Avenue.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The Directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is from charges for patient services. The District also receives revenue from a parcel tax on District landowners.

Property Tax Allocation	
Special Taxes or Assessments	
District Staffing and Employees	
Meeting Schedule	Board of Directors meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month at Palm Drive Hospital.
Meeting Location	The meetings are held at 501 Petaluma Avenue, Sebastopol, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	
Office Location, if any	501 Petaluma Avenue, Sebastopol, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.palmdrivehospital.com/

Under a joint Services agreement, the Palm Drive Health Care District participates in the Northern California Health Care Authority which works to create a regional entity to pool resources in the interests of greater efficiency in important aspects of healthcare. The other Districts participating in the JPA are the North Sonoma County Health Care District, Sonoma Valley Health Care District and Mendocino Coast Health Care District.

### **Petaluma Health Care District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1946.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 275 square miles including the cities of Petaluma and Cotati and the unincorporated community of Penngrove.
Enabling Legislation	Health Care District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 32000 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is authorized to provide health facilities as articulated in Health and Safety Code Section 1250 and Section 32000 et seq. These authorized services include, but not limited to:  1. General acute care hospital 2. Intermediate care facility 3. Intensive care 4. Physical therapy 5. Perinatal services 6. Nursing facility 7. Basic emergency 8. Outpatient services including lab and xray
Current Services	Petaluma Valley Hospital offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient services including respiration care, ophthalmology, telemetry, orthopedics, obstetrics, neurophysiology, physical therapy, outpatient surgery, nuclear medicine, imaging and other services. The District works toward improving access to health services in southern Sonoma County, providing health promotion and disease prevention programs.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District owns the Petaluma Valley Hospital and leases its operations to St. Joseph's Health Care System of Sonoma County.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The Districts primary source of revenues is from programs, investments and rents.
Property Tax Allocation	None

Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	20 employees
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meets at 1425 North McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report)	
Office Location, if any	1425 North McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 1425 N McDowell Blvd Ste 103 Petaluma, CA Phone Number: 707-285-2143 ext 130
Web Site, if any	www.phcd.org/

The Petaluma Health Care District was formed in 1946 and opened its Hillcrest Hospital in West Petaluma in 1957. In response to increased public need, the Petaluma Valley Hospital opened in eastern Petaluma in 1980. In 1997, the District leased the hospital to St. Joseph's Health Care System for a 20-year period.

# **Sonoma Valley Health Care District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1946.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately
Enabling Legislation	Health Care District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 32000 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is authorized to provide health facilities as articulated in Health and Safety Code Section 1250 and Section 32000 et seq. These authorized services include, but not limited to:  1. General acute care hospital 2. Acute psychiatric hospital 3. Skilled nursing facility 4. Intermediate care facility 5. Congregate living health facility 6. Nursing facility 7. Acquire, maintain, and operate ambulances or ambulance services
Current Services	The District provides a 24-hour, seven days a week critical care emergency room, acute inpatient care, diagnostic technology and surgical services. Additionally, the District provides integrative health and wellness programs.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District operates the Sonoma Valley Hospital a regional hospital located at 347 Andrieux Street, Sonoma, CA.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The Sonoma Valley Health Care District is supported primarily by revenues from fees for services augmented by taxpayer support from a parcel tax approved in November 2009. The District also receives revenue from charitable bequests and donations. The Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation and the Hospital Auxiliary play integral roles in fundraising efforts.
Property Tax Allocation	None

Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of the month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meets at 177 First Street, Sonoma
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	
Office Location, if any	347 Andrieux Street, Sonoma
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.svh.com

Under a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), the District participates in the Northern California Health Care Authority which works to create a regional entity to pool resources in the interests of greater efficiency in important aspects of healthcare. The other districts participating in the JPA are the North Sonoma County Health Care District, Palm Drive Health Care District, Mendocino Coast Health Care District, and Southern Humboldt Health Care District. In 2011, the District entered into Management Services and Affiliation Agreement with Marin General Hospital and a cooperative agreement with Napa State Hospital for treatment of their acute care patients.

## **Pest Control District**

## Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1915.
District Area	The District boundaries include all territory within both Marin and Sonoma counties.
Enabling Legislation	Mosquito Abatement or Vector Control District pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 2000 et seq.
Authorized Services	Within the District's boundaries or in territory that is located outside the District from which vectors and vector borne diseases may enter the District, a District may do all of the following: (a) Conduct surveillance programs and other appropriate studies of vectors and vector borne diseases. (b) Take any and all necessary or proper actions to prevent the occurrence of vectors and vector borne diseases. (c) Take any and all necessary or proper actions to abate or control vectors and vector borne diseases.
Current Services	The District provides control and surveillance of vectors, including mosquitoes, flies, mites, ticks, other anthropoids, rodents and other vertebrates, as well as offering educational services to individuals, community groups, schools, and the public.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District owns it offices at 595 Helman Lane, Cotati, CA.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is comprised of one member appointed by each city located within the District and two members appointed from each county board of supervisors.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a 24-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are appointed to 1-year terms.

District Funding Source	The District's receives revenue from the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The Districts also receives revenue from a parcel-based benefit assessment.
Property Tax Allocation	
Special Taxes or Assessments	In 1996, the District's Board of Directors formed a benefit assessment district to continue the funding of the District's program at a level necessary to maintain the living standard and protect the health of the residents living within the District.
District Staffing and Employees	The District consists of 35 regular employees including a manager, assistant manager/vector ecologist, financial/benefits manager, receptionist, assistant vector ecologist, three biologists, fish culturist, public relations director, network administrator, community education specialist, three field supervisors, special projects supervisor, shop facilities coordinator, assistant shop mechanic and seventeen vector control technicians.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meets at 595 Helman Lane, Cotati, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	
Office Location, if any	595 Helman Lane, Cotati, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.msmosquito.com/

Marin and Sonoma County homeowners living within the District boundaries typically spend between \$6 and \$12 dollars per year for mosquito and vector control.

## **Recreation and Park Districts**

## **Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1935.
District Area	The District encompasses approximatelyacres.
Enabling Legislation	Recreation and Park District pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 5780 et seq.
Authorized Services	Under the enabling legislation the District may: (a) Organize, promote, conduct, and advertise programs of community recreation, including, but not limited to, parks and open space, parking, transportation, and other related services that improve the community's quality of life; (b) Establish systems of recreation and recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, parks and open space; (c) Acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, parks and open space, both inside and beyond the District's boundaries.
Current Services	The Camp Meeker Recreation & Park District was formed in 1935 to provide recreation and parks services. In 1994 state legislation authorized the District, upon LAFCO approval, to also assume water and sanitation services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District owns and operates a community water system. The District owns a developed park along Bohemian Highway and a smaller recreation area on a hill above Camp Meeker. The District holds recreational events at its Anderson Hall facility.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by registered voters residing within District boundaries.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.

District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District's water system operating revenue comes primarily from water usage charges and capital fees charged to property owners for the water system.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.031525 (2 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	
District Staffing and Employees	Operation of the water system is contracted out to Russian River Utilities.
Meeting Schedule	The District Board of Directors the meets the third Tuesday of the month.
Meeting Location	The District Board of Directors the meets at 5250 Bohemian Highway, Camp Meeker
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	The District receives: 1. for parks and recreation services, and 2. for water utilities
Office Location, if any	5250 Bohemian Highway, Camp Meeker
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.campmeeker.org/

The Camp Meeker Recreation & Park District (CMRPD) was formed in 1935 to provide recreation and parks services; it is the oldest such District in the state. In 1994, state legislation authorized the District, upon LAFCO approval, to also assume the full services of a water district under the State Water Code.

### **Del Rio Woods Recreation and Park District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1948.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately acres.
Enabling Legislation	Recreation and Park District pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 5780 et seq.
Authorized Services	<ol> <li>Under the enabling legislation the District may:</li> <li>Organize, promote, conduct, and advertise programs of community recreation, including, but not limited to, parks and open space, parking, transportation, and other related services that improve the community's quality of life;</li> <li>Establish systems of recreation and recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, parks and open space;</li> <li>Acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, parks and open space, both inside and beyond the District's boundaries.</li> </ol>
Current Services	The District provides recreational services at the Del Rio Beach.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District operates Del Rio Beach and the parking lot, which is open to the public from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
Number of Board Members	The Board is has five members.
Members Terms of Office	The Directors are appointed to 4-year terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is the general property tax based on either a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation.
Property Tax Allocation	The District has two TRA's with property tax allocations of 0.1860 and 0.2101.
Special Taxes or Assessments	None

District Staffing and Employees	None
Meeting Schedule	
Meeting Location	
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 62,560
Office Location, if any	None
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	None

The Del Rio Recreation and Park District is a small district located on the east side of Fitch Mountain along North Fitch Mountain Road in Healdsburg.

### **Monte Rio Recreation and Park District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1948.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 3.5 square miles, extending along a two-mile stretch of the Russian River.
Enabling Legislation	Recreation and Park District pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 5780 et seq.
Authorized Services	<ol> <li>Under the enabling legislation the District may:</li> <li>Organize, promote, conduct, and advertise programs of community recreation, including, but not limited to, parks and open space, parking, transportation, and other related services that improve the community's quality of life;</li> <li>Establish systems of recreation and recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, parks and open space;</li> <li>Acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, parks and open space, both inside and beyond the District's boundaries.</li> </ol>
Current Services	The District provides recreational services, classes, and park facilities.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District manages approximately 25 acres of land divided into eight park sites, four of which are not currently developed. The District provides a variety of activities and programs at the Monte Rio Community Center. In addition to that facility, the District operates the Monte Rio Riverfront Beach and Meadow, the community tennis courts, the old school property, and Monte Rio Amphitheater.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	A five-member Board of Directors governs the District.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.

District Funding Source	The Districts primary source of revenues is the general property taxes are based either on a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value, or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also received revenue from user fees for the recreation facilities and a lease of the beach concessions.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.10853 with a range from 0.102554 to 0.115432 (16 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The District has one administrator and one contact event manager. The maintenance functions are provided by private contractors.
Meeting Schedule	The District Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of the month.
Meeting Location	The Board meets at the Monte Rio Community Center located at 20488 Hwy. 116, Monte Rio, CA
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	
Office Location, if any	The Offices are located at 20488 Highway 116, Monte Rio, CA
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.mrrpd.org/

In 2006, the District adopted a 25-year master plan that envisions annexation of territory currently beyond the current District boundaries, refurbishment of District facilities, development of other facilities, and continued exploration of funding alternatives.

### **Russian River Recreation and Park District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1941.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 10 square miles including the communities of Guerneville, Rio Nido, Guernewood Park, Vacation Beach and approximately six miles of the Russian River, along which those communities are located.
Enabling Legislation	Recreation and Park District pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 5780 et seq.
Authorized Services	Under the enabling legislation the District may: (a) Organize, promote, conduct, and advertise programs of community recreation, including, but not limited to, parks and open space, parking, transportation, and other related services that improve the community's quality of life; (b) Establish systems of recreation and recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, parks and open space; (c) Acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, parks and open space, both inside and beyond the District's boundaries.
Current Services	The District provides recreational services, classes, and park facilities.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The main purpose for creating the District was the installation and operation of two summer dams on the River to create swimming and beach areas. The upper dam is located at Johnson's Beach, while the lower dam is located at Vacation Beach. In addition to the installation of the two summer dams, the District owns seven parks, totaling 12.5 acres, including:  1. J.K. Wright Playground & Tennis Courts / Basketball Court - 16016 Drake Rd, Guerneville, Ca  2. Pacheco Park Playground & Tennis Courts - 14100 Old Cazadero Rd, Guerneville, Ca  3. Bruno Farnocchia Playground & Tennis Court - 4800 Rio Nido Rd, Guerneville, Ca  4. Vacation Beach Playground - 17828 Orchard Ave, Guerneville, Ca  5. Angelo Boles Park - Guernewood Park off Hwy 116 (no services available)  6. Johnson's Beach Dam – seasonal  7. Lower Vacation Beach Dam - seasonal

Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.				
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors				
Members Terms of Office	The Board of Directors is elected to 4-year staggered terms.				
District Funding Source	The Districts primary source of revenues is the general property taxes are based either on a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value, or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation and fees from the use of facilities.				
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.51437 ranging from 0.049598 and 0.059952 (25 TRA's)				
Special Taxes or Assessments	None				
District Staffing and Employees	The District employs a part-time administrator, a full time maintenance supervisor and seasonal help.				
Meeting Schedule	The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held on the third Wednesday of each month.				
Meeting Location	The meetings are held at the Russian River Senior Center located at 15010 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville, CA				
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)					
Office Location, if any	Russian River Senior Center 15010 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville, CA				
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:				
Web Site, if any	www.russianriverparks.org/				

In 2005, the District adopted a 10-year master plan that provides baseline data, identifies the community's recreational needs, and recommends policies for planning future parks and recreation facilities and programs. The Plan is the basis for the District for identifying and

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## **Resource Conservation Districts**

## **Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1941.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 134,000 acres located in West Sonoma County. It is bordered by Marin County to the south, the Russian River to the north, the Pacific coastline to the west, and the Laguna de Santa Rosa to the east.
Enabling Legislation	Resource Conservation District pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 9151 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is empowered to conduct surveys, investigations, and research relating to the conservation of resources and the preventive and control measures and works of improvement needed, publish the results of such surveys, investigations, or research, and disseminate information concerning such preventive control measures and works of improvement.
Current Services	The District provides free, non-discriminatory assistance and educational opportunities to agricultural producers, land users, educators, and anyone with land-based resource conservation needs. Conservation projects may include conservation education, soil erosion control, water quality enhancement, range management, vineyard development, woodland, forestry and wildlife management, and watershed and stream enhancement.
Properties and Facilities Managed	None
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The Districts primary source of revenues is the general property taxes are based either on a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value, or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation.

Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0003 of the property tax, with more than 200 TRA's
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The staff includes an Executive Director, District Manager, office manager, two project managers, a conservation planner, an ecologist and a watershed coordinator.
Meeting Schedule	The District Board of Directors meets the Third Thursday of the month.
Meeting Location	The District Board of Directors meets at 2776 Sullivan Road, Sebastopol, CA
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 2,294,384
Office Location, if any	2776 Sullivan Road, Sebastopol, CA
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 2776 Sullivan Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472 Phone Number: 707-823-5244
Web Site, if any	www.goldridgercd.org/

Update: District Oct 2012

### **General Notes:**

The District was established in 1941 as the Gold Ridge Soil Conservation District, the first in Sonoma County.

## **Sotoyome Resource Conservation District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1975.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 665,620 acres in the northern two-thirds of Sonoma County and 40,000 acres in Mendocino County. The District includes major portions of the Russian River Watershed and the entire Gualala River Watershed. It extends from the Pacific Ocean on the west to Napa and Lake county lines on the east, and from Mendocino County on the north to the Russian River, Laguna de Santa Rosa, Cotati and the Sonoma mountains to the south.
Enabling Legislation	Resource Conservation District pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 9151 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is empowered to conduct surveys, investigations, and research relating to the conservation of resources and the preventive and control measures and works of improvement needed, publish the results of such surveys, investigations, or research, and disseminate information concerning such preventive control measures and works of improvement and funding from grants, fundraising, and special District augmentation funds.
Current Services	The District provides free, non-discriminatory assistance and educational opportunities to agricultural producers, land users, educators, and anyone with land-based resource conservation needs. Conservation projects may include conservation education, soil erosion control, water quality enhancement, range management, vineyard development, woodland, forestry and wildlife management, and watershed and stream enhancement.
Properties and Facilities Managed	None
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.

District Funding Source	The Districts primary source of revenues is the general property taxes are based either on a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value, or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. The District also receives revenue from competitive grants.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0001 of the property tax, with more than 450 TRA's.
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The District employs an Executive Director, Executive Assistant, a Bookkeeper, Conservation Program Manager, Physical Scientist, Biologist, Restoration Ecologist, and a Project Technician.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.
Meeting Location	The District Board of Directors meets at 201 Concourse Boulevard, Suite B, Santa Rosa, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	
Office Location, if any	201 Concourse Boulevard, Suite B, Santa Rosa, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.sotoyomercd.org/

The Sotoyome Resource Conservation District has a history that goes back over 60 years. The District was originally formed in 1946 as the Central Sonoma Soil Conservation Service. In 1953, the District name was changed to the Sotoyome Soil Conservation District. In 1975, the Sotoyome-Santa Rosa Resource Conservation District was formed by the consolidation of Santa Rosa Soil Conservation District and Sotoyome Soil Conservation District. In 1997, the District name was shortened to Sotoyome Resource Conservation District (SRCD).

Originally established to aid ranchers and farmers in their soil erosion control efforts and to provide assistance in water conservation, the District has expanded services to communities, school districts, economic development programs, river basin and watershed projects, and to environmental improvement programs.

## **Southern Sonoma County Conservation District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1986.					
District Area	The District covers the Sonoma Creek Watershed from Kenwood to the Bay, Petaluma River Watershed and the upper half of Stemple Creek.					
Enabling Legislation	Resource Conservation District pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 9151 et seq.					
Authorized Services	The District is empowered to conduct surveys, investigations, and research relating to the conservation of resources and the preventive and control measures and works of improvement needed, publish the results of such surveys, investigations, or research, and disseminate information concerning such preventive control measures and works of improvement and funding from grants, fundraising, and special District augmentation funds.					
Current Services	The Districts provides free, non-discriminatory assistance and educational opportunities to agricultural producers, land users, educators, and anyone with land-based resource conservation needs. Conservation projects may include conservation education, soil erosion control, water quality enhancement, range management, vineyard development, woodland, forestry and wildlife management, and watershed and stream enhancement.					
Properties and Facilities Managed	None					
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.					
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors					
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.					
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenues is the general property taxes are based either on a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value, or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation, However the majority of the District funding comes from competitively sought grants obtained to assist locals with on-the-ground conservation practices.					

Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0006 of the property tax, with more than 200 TRA's
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The District employs an Executive Director, watershed coordinator, conservation project managers, and support staff.
Meeting Schedule	The Board meets regularly, on every third Tuesday of each month.
Meeting Location	The District Board of Directors meets at 1301 Redwood Way, Suite 170, in Petaluma, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on latest California State Controllers Report 2009-10)	
Office Location, if any	The District office is located within the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 1301 Redwood Way, Suite 170 Petaluma, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: 1301 Redwood Highway Ste 170 Petaluma, CA 94954 Phone Number: 707-794-1242 ext 5
Web Site, if any	www.sscrcd.org/

Updated by District June 2012

#### **General Notes:**

Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District was formed in 1986 by the consolidation of the Sonoma Valley Resource Conservation District and the Petaluma Resource Conservation District (formally the Petaluma Soil Conservation District). The boundaries of one or more of these districts were established by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in 1956.

# **Public Utility Districts**

## **Bodega Bay Public Utility District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1948.					
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 10 square miles, or 6,400 acres.					
Enabling Legislation	Public Utility District pursuant to Public Utilities Code Sections 15501 et seq.					
Authorized Services	The District is authorized to provide water and sewer services.					
Current Services	The District provides water and sewer services.					
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District's water production and distribution facilities include eight wells at three locations, Salmon Creek, Roppolo and Sand Dunes. Eight tanks at four locations provide water storage.					
	The District's wastewater collection and treatment facilities consist of 15 miles of sewers, eight lift stations, a tertiary level treatment plant and four disposal-holding ponds.					
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.					
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors					
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.					
District Funding Source	The District's receives some of its revenues from the general property taxes are based either on a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value, or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation. However, the main source of operating revenue is from water sewer charges.					
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0984 (4 TRA's)					
Special Taxes or Assessments	None					

District Staffing and Employees	The District employees 11 full time staff.					
Meeting Schedule	The District Board of Directors meets on the third Wednesday of the month.					
Meeting Location	The Board meets at 265 Doran Park Road, Bodega Bay, CA.					
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	The District receives 1. \$ 909,000 for waste water disposal, and 2. \$ 930,000 for water services					
Office Location, if any	265 Doran Park Road, Bodega Bay, CA					
Contact Information	Mailing Address: PO Box 70 Bodega Bay CA 94923 Phone Number: 707-875-3332 Fax Number: 707-875-9610					
Web Site, if any	www.bodegabaypud.com					

Update: District April 2012

### **General Notes:**

The District has developed Master Plans for both water (in 1986 and updated in 1998) and sewer (in 1994).

## **Water Districts**

# Summary of Water Districts

Name	District Size	Population Served	Number of Connections	Production Capacity	Usage (daily or annual)
Bodega Bay Utility Company	10 Square miles	3,500	1,797	708 gallons per minute	142.8 million gallons annually
Forestville Water District	3.5 square miles	700	355	100 gallons per day	0.084 million gallons daily (summer peak) 0.045 million gallons daily (winter)
North Bay Water District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Occidental Community Service District	25 square miles	200	70	40 gallons per minute	8 to 9 million gallons annually
Rains Creek Water District	142 Acres	150	63	13 million gallons annually	13 million gallons annually
Russian River County Water District		2,600	1,180	600 gallons per minute	80 to 90 million gallons annually
Sonoma Mountain Water District	516.75 acres		55	62,000 gallons per day	22,500 million gallons annually
Sweetwater Springs Water District	15,580 acres	8,400	4,000	370.3 million gallons annually	370.3 million gallons annually
Timber Cove County Water District	546 acres	100	135	Varies by season	4.8 million gallons annually
Valley of the Moon Water District	12 square miles	23,000	6,743	3,200 acre-feet allocation from the Sonoma County Water Agency and 419 acre-feet production from wells	3,486 acre feet annually

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# **Forestville County Water District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1961
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 3.5 square miles, or 2,240 acres.
Enabling Legislation	County Water District pursuant to Water Code Sections 30000 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is empowered to furnish water, power, irrigation and flood control; operate sewer facilities, fire protection facilities and recreation facilities using water; and operate sanitation services.
Current Services	The District furnishes water, operate sewer facilities and operate sanitation services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District operates a wastewater treatment facility at 6194 Forestville Street in Forestville, CA.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's primary source of revenue is from sewer and water charges. The District also receives revenue from general property taxes are based either on a flat 1% rate applied to the adjusted 1975/1976 full value, or on 1% of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the adjusted 1975/1976 valuation.

Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0771 with a range of 0.0751 to 0.0844 (6 TRA's)
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The District has three employees: a general manager who is also the chief plant operator and the waste water operator, an office manager and an office assistant.
Meeting Schedule	The District Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of the month.
Meeting Location	The District Board of Directors meets at 6530 Mirabel Road, Forestville
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	The District receives: 1. \$ 758,430 for waste disposal, and 2. \$ 694,581 for water utilities.
Office Location, if any	6530 Mirabel Road, Forestville
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	None

In 2004, the District assumed ownership and operations of what had been the Forestville County Sanitation District and Mirabel Heights Zone of Benefit of County Service Area No. 41 (Multi-Services) wastewater systems. The territory receiving sanitary sewer services represents only a small section of the larger District.

## **North Bay Water District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1963.
District Area	The District is located at the southern edge of the County. It is bounded by San Pablo Bay, Napa County and Marin County and touches Solano County at Sears Point.
Enabling Legislation	County Water District pursuant to Water Code Sections 30000 et seq.
Authorized Services	Unknown
Current Services	None
Properties and Facilities Managed	None
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	Revenues are from interest on cash only.
Property Tax Allocation	None
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	None
Meeting Schedule	The District Board of Directors meets once a year in June.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meetings are held at the Schell Vista Fire Station located at 22950 Broadway, Sonoma CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 90,589
Office Location, if any	None
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:

Web Site, if any	None
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The 2004 Municipal Service Review states "the North Bay Water District is a "paper agency" which has no facilities and provides no services. It was formed in 1963 in anticipation of receiving water from the State Water Project, which never subsequently occurred; no major changes have been made since. Revenues are from interest on cash only. The District Board of Directors meets once a year; a bookkeeper/secretary works part-time under contract."

## **Rains Creek County Water District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1997.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 142 acres.
Enabling Legislation	County Water District pursuant to Water Code Sections 30000 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is authorized to provide water services in accordance with the water code for "County Water Districts"
Current Services	The District provides water services.
Properties and Facilities Managed	Existing facilities include old pipes and a new system installed in 1997. The system operates in two gravity zones, one serviced by gravity only and one requiring a pumping surcharge.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District is funded by fees and charges.
Property Tax Allocation	None
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The District is operated and managed by the Russian River Utilities Company.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets quarterly.
Meeting Location	The meetings are normally held at When 50 or more people are expected to attend, the meetings are moved to the Cloverdale Public Library to accommodate all attendees.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$90,589

Office Location, if any	Russian River Utility manages the District, its offices are at 7131 Mirabel Road, Forestville
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.rruwater.com/publicWater.shtml#RainsCrk

The Rains Creek County Water District (RCWD) was formed in 1997 from the consolidation of the Rains Creek and Hiatt Road mutual water companies.

## **Russian River County Water District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1983.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately
Enabling Legislation	County Water District pursuant to Water Code Sections 30000 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is empowered to provide domestic water supply.
Current Services	The District provides domestic water.
Properties and Facilities Managed	Major facilities include two wells located at Steelhead Beach, a pump station on River Road, five steel storage tanks, and a distribution system including service meters and fire hydrants throughout the District.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The majority of the District's operating revenue comes from water sales, a flat charge assessed to all customers, and interest income. The District collects the annual charge with property taxes.
Property Tax Allocation	None
Special Taxes or Assessments	The District collects an annual \$30 charge for capital improvements. The District pays off the assessment bonds acquired for the annexation and improvement of former water districts with annual charges ranging from a low of \$164 in Rio Del to a high of \$480 in Hacienda.
District Staffing and Employees	The District contracts with Russian River Utilities for management and operations.
Meeting Schedule	The Russian River County Water District Board of Directors meets on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meet at 7131 Mirabel Road, Forestville, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	
Office Location, if any	7131 Mirabel Road, Forestville, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.rruwater.com/russianRiverCounty

The Russian River County Water District (RRCWD) was formed in 1983 to acquire the private Russian River Terrace and Rio Del Water Companies. The District expanded in 1994 to include the Summerhome Park area and, in 2000, to include the area serviced by the private Hacienda Water Company. In 2005, the territory served by the Rural Canyon and Hollydale Mutual Water Companies was annexed to the District.

# **Sonoma Mountain County Water District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1964.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 517 acres of residential development in the hills between Sonoma Valley and Rohnert Park.
Enabling Legislation	County Water District pursuant to Water Code Sections 30000 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is empowered to provide domestic water supply.
Current Services	The District provides domestic water.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District has two operational wells, one of which usually remains on stand-by, three storage tanks and water mains throughout the District.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's operations are funded primarily through water sales with additional revenue from property taxes and interest earned on the District's reserve balance.
Property Tax Allocation	The median tax rate is 0.0286 in three TRA's
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The District staff includes a part-time general manager and a part-time contracted superintendent.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets the second Saturday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meets at 5438 Alta Monte Drive, Santa Rosa
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 49,544

Office Location, if any	5438 Alta Monte Drive, Santa Rosa, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	None

The District provides potable water to 55 residential hook-ups in a residential development in the hills between Sonoma Valley and Rohnert Park.

# **Sweetwater Springs County Water District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1988.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 15,580 acres, including the communities of Guerneville, Monte Rio, and Rio Nido.
Enabling Legislation	County Water District pursuant to Water Code Sections 30000 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is empowered to provide domestic water supply
Current Services	The District is empowered to provide domestic water supply
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District consists of two separate water systems. The first, serving the Guerneville area, consists of three wells, a chlorination disinfecting system, a filtration plant with 10 filters, 18 storage tanks with a capacity of 1,105,000 gallons, several small pressure tanks and five pressure zones. The second system, which serves the Monte Rio area, consists of two wells, a chlorination disinfecting system, a filtration plant with two filters, eight storage tanks with a capacity of 580,000 gallons, several small pressure tanks and five pressure zones.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District is funded largely through water sales to customers.
Property Tax Allocation	None
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	This District is managed and operated by a staff of ten full-time employees.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of the month.

Meeting Location	The Board meet at 17081 Hwy. 116, Guerneville, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 4,585,366
Office Location, if any	The District offices are at 17081 Hwy. 116, Guerneville, CA
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.sweetwatersprings.com/

The formation of the Sweetwater Springs County Water District was approved by voters in December 1988. In 1992, the District acquired the water systems serving Guerneville and Monte Rio from Citizens Utility Company.

## **Timber Cove County Water District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1984.
District Area	The District provides water from Timber Cove Creek to more than 270 lots in a planned residential community along the Sonoma coastline.
Enabling Legislation	County Water District pursuant to Water Code Sections 30000 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is empowered to provide domestic water supply.
Current Services	The District provides domestic water supply.
Properties and Facilities Managed	Surface water is pumped into the District's reservoir before treatment at the water treatment plant; treated water is then stored in three holding tanks before distribution.
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The District's operations are funded through water sales to consumers. Approximately one half of the lots within the District are metered and are charged a base rate plus the additional quantity charge. The remaining lots are unmetered and are charged a non-user base rate.
Property Tax Allocation	None
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The District employs three staff members.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors meets on the third Saturday of each month.
Meeting Location	The Board of Directors meets at the Fort Ross Elementary School, 30600 Seaview Road, Cazadero, CA.

Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 221,683
Office Location, if any	The District offices are located at 22127 Amanita Circle, Jenner, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: TIMBER COVE WATER DISTRICT PO BOX 204 CAZADERO, CA 95421 Phone Number: 707-847-3880
Web Site, if any	None

# **Valley of the Moon County Water District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1960.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately twelve square miles for residential, commercial and institutional use in the unincorporated areas west and north of the City of Sonoma. The service boundary is adjacent to portions of Sonoma's northwest boundary and comprises several non-contiguous communities, including the Trinity Oaks subdivision just north of Glen Ellen; the Temelec subdivision in the southern end of Sonoma Valley; and the unincorporated communities of El Verano, Fetters Hot Springs, Glen Ellen, Agua Caliente and Boyes Hot Springs.
Enabling Legislation	County Water District pursuant to Water Code Sections 30000 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is empowered to provide domestic water supply.
Current Services	The District provides potable water to approximately 23,000 people through over 6,800 connections.
Properties and Facilities Managed	
Selection of Board Members	The Board of Directors is elected by the registered voters residing within the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	Approximately 85 percent of the District operations are funded by water sales to residences. Construction and capital improvement funds are derived from fees paid by new development, operating revenues in excess of annual operating expenditures, and surplus property sales.
Property Tax Allocation	None
Special Taxes or Assessments	None

District Staffing and Employees	The District employs a general manager and eleven professional, technical, maintenance and administrative staff.
Meeting Schedule	The Board of Directors holds its meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Location	The Board meets at 19039 Bay Street, El Verano, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 3,701,717
Office Location, if any	The Districts offices are located at 19039 Bay Street in El Verano, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: P.O. Box 280, El Verano, CA 95433 Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.vomwd.com

The Valley of the Moon and City of Sonoma were originally served by private water companies. In 1921, a major consolidation of water companies took place. The Sonoma Water and Irrigation Company, founded in 1905, purchased the Sonoma Valley Water, Light and Power Company, the Sonoma Vista Water Company, and the Sonoma Water Works. The Sonoma Water Works system which basically served the area within the City of Sonoma boundaries was sold to the City of Sonoma in 1933. The Sonoma Water and Irrigation Company purchased the Boyes Hot Springs Company and the Agua Caliente Water Works in 1927, the Boyes Springs Park Company in 1943, and the Donaghy Water Company in 1959.

The Valley of the Moon County Water District was created in 1960 with the acquisition of the Sonoma Water and Irrigation Company and began operations as a district in 1962.

## **Windsor County Water District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in
District Area	The District encompasses approximately acres or square miles.
Enabling Legislation	County Water District pursuant to Water Code Sections 30000 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is empowered to provide domestic water supply and water and reclamation services.
Current Services	The District provides, including water treatment, storage, distribution, and maintenance.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District has five wells at the Russian River and Bluebird Well facilities. An additional water supply is provided by the Sonoma County Water Agency and is delivered to the Town through a 10-inch metered connection on Laughlin Road. The District also operates the Town of Windsor Water Reclamation Treatment Plant located on a 74-acre site immediately west of the Northwest Pacific Railroad tracks in Windsor.
Selection of Board Members	The members of the City Council of the Town of Windsor act as the Board of Directors for the District.
Number of Board Members	The District is governed by the City Council.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	Windsor's water system operates on a cost for service basis, where the expenses of providing services are financed or recovered primarily through user charges consisting of a flat fee plus a tiered water usage. An additional fee is charged to residences in the Shiloh Meadows development, which requires additional pumping since it is in a different pressure zone from the rest of the Town.
Property Tax Allocation	None
Special Taxes or Assessments	None

District Staffing and Employees	The District has 14.75 full-time employees for the provision of water services including eight water systems operators, a water systems operations manager and support staff. The District also has 11.5 full-time employees in the water reclamation division including six wastewater system operators, a wastewater systems supervisor and support staff.
Meeting Schedule	The Town Council meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month
Meeting Location	The Council meets at 9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA.
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	Waste Disposal \$ 7,199.277 Water \$ 4,359,356
Office Location, if any	The City offices are at 9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA.
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.townofwindsor.com/

The Windsor County Water District, which existed prior to the incorporation of the Town of Windsor, is considered a subsidiary district of the Town and operates, functionally, as a department of the local government.

#### **County Sanitation Districts and Zones**

In 1949, the California Legislature created the Sonoma County Water Agency as a special district to act as the local sponsor for federal flood control and water supply projects in the Russian River watershed. Legislation enacted in 1994 added the treatment and disposal of wastewater to the Agency's functions. In 1995, SCWA assumed responsibility for five county sanitation districts and six county sanitation zones that operate wastewater collection, treatment and disposal systems. Each district or zone is managed as an independent financial entity. The County Board of Supervisors sits as the Agency's Board of Directors. Proposals for annexation to the District or amendments to the District's sphere of influence amendments are subject to LAFCO review and approval.

**County Sanitation Districts** 

Name	District Size	Population Served (estimate)	Number of Equivalent Single Family Dwellings	Wastewater Flow	Capacity
Bodega Bay Public Utilities District	10 Square Miles	3,500	1,435		
Forestville Water District – Sewer Service	70 acres "downtown" and Mirabel Heights	1,200	613	64,000 gallons per day	134,000 gallons per day
Graton Community Service District	260 acres	1,000	637	100,000 gallons per day	140,000 gallons per day
Occidental County Sanitation District	55 acres	500	261	17,000 gallons per day	50,000 gallons per day
Russian River County Sanitation District	2,700 acres	8,000	3,148	300,000 gallons per day	510,000 gallons per day
Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District	4,500 acres	35,000	16,513	2,600,000 to 2,800,000 gallons per day	3,000,000 gallons per day
South Park County Sanitation District	1,460 acres	8,000	3,943	700,000 gallons per day	700,000 gallons per day

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## **Occidental County Sanitation District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1965.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 55 acres.
Enabling Legislation	County Sanitation Districts pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §4700 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is authorized to provide for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Current Services	The District provides for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District operates a treatment plant, operates one lift station and leases a 10 million-gallon storage reservoir on private property called Graham's Pond.
Selection of Board Members	The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors acts as the Board of Directors for the District and is elected by the registered voters residing in each supervisorial district.
Number of Board Members	The Board of Directors comprised of five members.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	Operations are funded primarily through user fees and charges.
Property Tax Allocation	None
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The Sonoma County Water Agency personnel operate the facilities and charge time based on actual hours spent in operating the District.
Meeting Schedule	The County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday, except for holidays.
Meeting Location	575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, CA
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 725,688
Office Location, if any	404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA

Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.scwa.ca.gov

The Occidental County Sanitation District provides sanitary sewer service to an area of approximately 55 acres in the rural community of Occidental, adjacent to the Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District. The District's treatment plant first became operational in 1965 and was upgraded in 1970 and 1975; the Sonoma County Water Agency assumed operational control of the District in 1995.

Effective July 1, 2011, the District proposes to increase the fee to \$1,602 per year per "equivalent single-family dwelling" (ESD), an increase of \$76, or 5.0% versus current year. A standard single-family home constitutes one ESD. Parcels which have other uses (for example, apartments and commercial buildings) will be assigned a number of ESDs using standard equivalency factors which estimate the probable quantity and quality of sewage effluent normally generated by such uses in comparison to a single-family home.

The increased fee has been calculated by dividing the annual costs of providing wastewater treatment and collection service by the estimated number of ESDs to arrive at the fee per ESD of \$1,602, and for parcels having more than one ESD assigned, the fee is calculated by multiplying the number of ESDs assigned to the parcel times \$1,602.

## **Russian River County Sanitation District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1982.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 2,700 acres in the unincorporated rural communities of Guerneville, Rio Nido, Guernewood Park, and Vacation Beach
Enabling Legislation	County Sanitation Districts pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §4700 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is authorized to provide for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Current Services	The District provides for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District operates a treatment plant at 18400 Neely Road in Vacation Beach. Additionally, the District operates 11 lift stations and two holding ponds with a total storage capacity of 4.5 million gallons.
Selection of Board Members	The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors acts as the Board of Directors for the District and is elected by the registered voters residing in each supervisorial district.
Number of Board Members	The Board of Directors is comprised of five members.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	Operations are funded primarily through user fees and charges
Property Tax Allocation	None
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The Sonoma County Water Agency personnel operate the facilities and charge time based on actual hours spent in the operating the District.
Meeting Schedule	The County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday, except for holidays.
Meeting Location	575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, CA
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 3,894,433

Office Location, if any	Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, California 95403
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.scwa.ca.gov/lower.php?url=RRCSD

The Russian River County Sanitation District (RRCSD) was formed in 1982 to collect and treat wastewater; SCWA assumed operational control of the District in 1995.

Between October and May, treated wastewater is discharged to the Russian River; during the rest of the year, it irrigates part of a golf course and other forested land.

## **Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1977.
District Area	The District provides sanitation services to an area of 4,500 acres. Sonoma Valley communities served include the City of Sonoma and the unincorporated communities and subdivisions of Glen Ellen, Eldridge, Agua Caliente, Fetters Hot Springs, Boyes Hot Springs, El Verano, Temelec, Vineburg, and Schellville.
Enabling Legislation	County Sanitation Districts pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §4700 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is authorized to provide for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Current Services	The District provides for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District's wastewater treatment facility is located at 22675 8th Street East, Sonoma. Additionally, the District operates three lift stations.
Selection of Board Members	The District's Board of Directors includes the Chair of the County Board of Supervisors, the Supervisor from the First District, and the Mayor of the City of Sonoma.
Number of Board Members	The District has three Board members.
Members Terms of Office	The Chair of the County Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of the City of Sonoma are appointed for one year terms and the supervisor from the First District is elected for 4 years.
District Funding Source	The Districts operations are funded primarily through user fees and charges.
Property Tax Allocation	None
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The Sonoma County Water Agency personnel operate the facilities and charge time based on actual hours spent in the operating the District.
Meeting Schedule	The County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday, except for holidays.

Meeting Location	575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, CA
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 12,262,592
Office Location, if any	The District offices are located at 22675 8th Street East Sonoma
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.scwa.ca.gov/svcsd/

The Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (SVCSD) was formed in 1977 to collect and treat wastewater. Management of the system was transferred to SCWA in 1995.

## **South Park County Sanitation District**

Date of District Formation	The District was formed in 1972.
District Area	The District encompasses approximately 1,460 acres in southwest and southeast Santa Rosa. The District's service area consists of non-contiguous groups of parcels.
Enabling Legislation	County Sanitation Districts pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §4700 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is authorized to provide for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Current Services	The District provides for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The District's lift station at 200 Todd Road in Santa Rosa transfers water to the City of Santa Rosa's Laguna Sub-Regional Treatment Plant on Llano Road.
Selection of Board Members	The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors acts as the Board of Directors for the District and is elected by the registered voters residing in each supervisorial district.
Number of Board Members	The Board of Directors is comprised of five members.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	Operations are funded primarily through user fees and charges
Property Tax Allocation	None
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The Sonoma County Water Agency owns the facilities and provides mutual aid and equipment when necessary. The City of Santa Rosa provides staff to operate the facilities.
Meeting Schedule	The County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday, except for holidays.
Meeting Location	575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, CA

Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	\$ 3,108,658
Office Location, if any	Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, California 95403
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	www.scwa.ca.gov

The South Park County Sanitation District was formed in 1972; the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) assumed operational control in 1995.

An agreement for the dissolution of District and the transfer of responsibility to the City of Santa Rosa was approved in 1996 and amended in 2000 and 2011; this change is anticipated to take place by 2020. Prior to that time, the SCWA has committed to fund the replacement of a large part of the District's collection system as well as upgrade a lift station located on Todd Road.

## **County Sanitation Zones**

Name	District Size	Population Served (estimate)	Number of Equivalent Single Family Dwellings	Wastewater Flow	Capacity
Airport-Larkfield- Wikiup	2,100 acres	8,000	3,233	800,000 gallons per day	900,000 gallons per day
Geyserville	177 acres	1,000	334	54,000 gallons per day	92,000 gallons per day
Penngrove	475 acres	1,200	487		Under an agreement with the City of Petaluma, 3,000 people
Sea Ranch	4,600 acres	2,000	529	Central Area: 4,000 gallons per day	Central Area: 27,000 gallons per day
				North Area: 19,000 gallons per day	North Area: 130,000 gallons per day

# Airport-Larkfield- Wikiup Sanitation Zone

Date of District Correction	Pagen energian in 1002
Date of District Formation	Began operation in 1983
District Area	The Zone encompasses 2100 acres north of the City of Santa Rosa.
Enabling Legislation	County Sanitation Districts pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §4700 et seq.
Authorized Services	The District is authorized to provide for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Current Services	The District provides for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The SCWA operates the Zone's collection system, trunk line, and treatment plant.
Selection of Board Members	The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors acts as the Board of Directors for the District and is elected by the registered voters residing in each supervisorial district.
Number of Board Members	The Board of Directors is comprised of five members.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The primary source of revenue is from annual charges for services. The Zone also receives revenue from the Town of Windsor for a lease of a portion of the Ocean View reservoir.
Property Tax Allocation	None
Special Taxes or Assessments	None
District Staffing and Employees	The Sonoma County Water Agency personnel operate the facilities and charge time based on actual hours spent in the operating the Zone.
Meeting Schedule	The County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday, except for holidays.
Meeting Location	575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, CA
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	

Office Location, if any	
Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	http://www.scwa.ca.gov/sanitation-districts-and-zones/

The Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone (ALW Zone) was formed in 1981; the Sonoma County Water Agency assumed operational control in 1995. The County Board of Supervisors serves as the Board of Directors and SCWA personnel operate the facilities. Operations are funded primarily through user fees and charges.

The ALW Zone provides sanitation services to approximately 2,100 acres along Highway 101, north of the City of Santa Rosa. Included in the ALW Zone are the unincorporated communities of Mark West, Fulton and the Airport Industrial Park. Commercial and industrial developments comprise approximately 25 to 30 percent of the overall hook-ups.

The ALW Zone wastewater treatment facility, which became operational in 1983, was upgraded in 1989 and 1997.

# **Geyserville Sanitation Zone**

Date of District Formation	The Zone was formed in 1981.
District Area	The Zone encompasses 177 acres including the unincorporated community of Geyserville.
Enabling Legislation	County Sanitation Districts pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §4700 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Zone is authorized to provide for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Current Services	The Zone provides for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The SCWA operates the Zone's collection system, pumping stations, treatment plant, and disposal facilities.
Selection of Board Members	The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors acts as the Board of Directors for the District and is elected by the registered voters residing in each supervisorial district.
Number of Board Members	The Board of Directors is comprised of five members.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The primary source of revenue is from annual charges for services.
Property Tax Allocation	None.
Special Taxes or Assessments	None.
District Staffing and Employees	The Sonoma County Water Agency personnel operate the facilities and charge time based on actual hours spent in the operating the Zone.
Meeting Schedule	The County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday, except for holidays.
Meeting Location	575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, CA
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	
Office Location, if any	

Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	http://www.scwa.ca.gov/sanitation-districts-and-zones/

The Geyserville Sanitation Zone (GSZ) was formed in 1981, after its treatment plant became operational in 1978; the Sonoma County Water Agency assumed operational control in 1995. Revenue sources include annual sewer service charges and interest on the fund balance.

GSZ provides for the collection and treatment of wastewater to approximately 177 acres. The Zone's boundaries, sphere of influence, and the General Plan Urban Service Boundary for the unincorporated community of Geyserville are coterminous.

GSZ operates a wastewater treatment facility in Geyserville as well as one lift station. The treatment plant is designed to provide secondary treatment for an average daily dry flow of up to 92,000 gpd, and currently treats about 54,000 gpd Recycled water from the treatment plant is disposed of through percolation and evaporation.

# **Penngrove Sanitation Zone**

Date of District Formation	The Zone was formed in 1972.
District Area	The Zone encompasses 475 acres in the area of the unincorporated community of Penngrove.
Enabling Legislation	County Sanitation Districts pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §4700 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Zone is authorized to provide for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Current Services	The Zone provides for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The Sonoma County Water Agency operates the Zone's collection system and pumping station.
Selection of Board Members	The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors acts as the Board of Directors for the Zone and is elected by the registered voters residing in each supervisorial district.
Number of Board Members	The Board of Directors is comprised of five members.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The primary source of revenue is from annual charges for services.
Property Tax Allocation	None.
Special Taxes or Assessments	None.
District Staffing and Employees	The Sonoma County Water Agency personnel operate the facilities and charge time based on actual hours spent in the operating the Zone.
Meeting Schedule	The County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday, except for holidays.
Meeting Location	575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, CA
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	
Office Location, if any	

Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	http://www.scwa.ca.gov/sanitation-districts-and-zones/

The Penngrove Sanitation Zone ("PSZ Zone") was formed in 1972; the Sonoma County Water Agency assumed operational control in 1995. The County Board of Supervisors serves as the Board of Directors and the Sonoma County Water Agency personnel operate the facilities and charge time based on actual hours spent in the PSZ Zone. The primary source of revenue is from annual user fees.

The PSZ Zone provides for the collection of wastewater to approximately 475 acres north of Petaluma. The service area is coterminous with the PSZ Zone's sphere of influence and the County General Plan's urban service boundary for Penngrove.

The PSZ Zone's lift station is located in Penngrove. Under a contractual agreement between the PSZ Zone and the City of Petaluma, sewage is collected and routed to the City's collection system for treatment at the City's wastewater treatment plant.

#### **Sea Ranch Sanitation Zone**

Date of District Formation	The Zone was formed in 1972.
District Area	The Zone encompasses 4600 acres on the Sonoma County coast.
Enabling Legislation	County Sanitation Districts pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §4700 et seq.
Authorized Services	The Zone is authorized to provide for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Current Services	The Zone provides for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal.
Properties and Facilities Managed	The Sonoma County Water Agency operates the Zone's collection system, pumping stations and two treatment plants.
Selection of Board Members	The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors acts as the Board of Directors for the Zone and is elected by the registered voters residing in each supervisorial district.
Number of Board Members	The Board of Directors is comprised of five members.
Members Terms of Office	The directors are elected to 4-year staggered terms.
District Funding Source	The primary source of revenue is from annual charges for services.
Property Tax Allocation	None.
Special Taxes or Assessments	None.
District Staffing and Employees	The Sonoma County Water Agency personnel operate the facilities and charge time based on actual hours spent in the operating the Zone.
Meeting Schedule	The County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday, except for holidays.
Meeting Location	575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, CA
Annual Revenues (Based on California State Controllers Report, Fiscal Year 2010-11)	
Office Location, if any	

Contact Information	Mailing Address: Phone Number:
Web Site, if any	http://www.scwa.ca.gov/sanitation-districts-and-zones/

#### **General Notes:**

The Sea Ranch Sanitation Zone ("SRSZ Zone") was formed in 1972; the Sonoma County Water Agency assumed operational control in 1995. The County Board of Supervisors serves as the Board of Directors for the SRSZ Zone. The Sonoma County Water Agency owns the facilities, but, under contract, the Sea Ranch Water Company operates the system. Operations are funded primarily through user fees and charges.

The SRSZ Zone provides for the collection and treatment of wastewater for an area of 4,600 acres along the northern Sonoma coast. The SRSZ Zone serves a much more limited area than the Sea Ranch Water Company, which serves the entire planned community. Many homes in the community are designed to be served by private septic systems.

The SRSZ has two wastewater treatment facilities which are designed to provide secondary treatment .Treated water from both facilities is disposed of through irrigation.

# Specific Powers Allowed by Law to Community Services Districts

#### Specific Powers Allowed by Law to Community Services Districts

The specific powers allowed by law to community services districts are (61600):

- 1. Supply of water for domestic, irrigation, sanitation, industrial, fire protection, and recreation use.
- 2. Collection, treatment, or disposal of sewage, and waste and storm water.
- 3. Collection or disposal of garbage or refuse matter.
- 4. Fire protection services, rescue services, hazardous material emergency response services, ambulance services.
- 5. Public recreation and parks, playgrounds, golf courses, etc..
- 6. Street lighting and landscaping.
- 7. Surveillance, prevention, abatement, and control of vectors and vector-borne diseases.
- 8. Police protection and other security services.
- 9. Library services.
- 10. Acquisition, improvement, maintenance, and repair of streets, roads, rights-of-way, bridges, culverts, drains, curbs, gutters, sidewalks (subject to written consent of the public agency which owns them).
- 11. Conversion of overhead electric and communications facilities to underground locations when such facilities are owned and operated by a "public utility" or "public agency," subject to consent of the public utility or public agency responsible for such facilities.
- 12. Provide emergency medical services.
- 13. Provision for and maintenance of public airports and landing places for aerial traffic.
- 14. Transportation services.
- 15. Graffiti abatement.
- 16. Flood protection facilities: planning, design, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation. If outside district boundaries, subject to written consent of the public agency within whose boundaries, the facilities are located.
- 17. Community facilities acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation.
- 18. Abatement of weeds and rubbish.
- 19. Hydoelectric power generating facilities and transmission lines, consistent with water supply and wastewater operations: acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation.
- 20. Acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of television translator facilities.
- 21. Removal of snow from public streets, roads, easements, and rights-of-way. If outside district boundaries, subject to written consent of the public agency within whose boundaries they are located.
- 22. Animal control services. If outside district boundaries, subject to written consent of the public agency within whose boundaries the services would be provided.
- 23. Control, abatement, and eradication of pests.
- 24. Construction, maintenance, and operation of mailboxes on district's property or right-of-way.
- 25. Mail delivery service under contract to United States Postal Service.

- 26. Cemetery ownership, operation, improvement, maintenance and interment services.
- 27. Financing of the operations of an area planning commission and/or municipal advisory council.
- 28. Acquisition, ownership, maintenance, and operation of land for habitate mitigation or other environmental protection purposes to mitigate the effects of projects undertaken by the district.

**Specific Powers Allowed By Law to County Service Areas** 

#### **Specific Powers Allowed By Law to County Service Areas**

A CSA may be established to provide any one or more of the following types of extended services within an unincorporated area (Government Cosde Section 25213):

- 1. Law enforcement and police protection
- 2. Fire protection, fire suppression, vegetation management, search and rescue, hazardous material emergency response, and ambulances
- 3. Recreation, including but not limited to parks, parkways, and open space
- 4. Libraries
- 5. Television translator stations and low-power television services
- 6. Supplying water for any beneficial uses
- 7. The collection, treatment, or disposal of sewage, wastewater, recycled water, and storm water
- 8. The surveillance, prevention, abatement, and control of pests, vectors, and vector-borne diseases
- The acquisition, construction, improvement and maintenance, including but not limited to street sweeping, and snow removal, of public streets, roads, bridges, highways, rightsof-way, and any incidental works
- 10. The acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of street lighting and landscaping on public property, rights-of-way, and easements
- 11. The collection, transfer, handling, and disposal of solid waste, including but not limited to source reduction, recycling, and composting
- 12. Funding for land use planning within the county service area by a planning agency established pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 65100) of Chapter 3, of Title 7, including but not limited to an area planning commission
- 13. Soil conservation
- 14. Animal control
- 15. Funding for the services of a municipal advisory council established pursuant to Section 31010
- 16. Transportation
- 17. Geologic hazard abatement on public or private property or structures, where the board of supervisors determines that it is in the public interest to abate geologic hazards
- 18. Cemeteries
- 19. The conversion of existing overhead electrical and communications facilities, with the consent of the public agency or public utility that owns the facilities, to underground locations pursuant to Chapter 28 (commencing with Section 5896.1) of Part 3 of Division 7 of the Streets and Highways Code
- 20. Emergency medical services.
- 21. Airports
- 22. Flood control and drainage
- 23. The acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of community facilities, including but not limited to cultural facilities, child care centers, community centers, libraries, and theaters:

- 24. Open-space and habitat conservation, including but not limited to the acquisition, preservation, maintenance, and operation of land to protect unique, sensitive, threatened, or endangered species or historical or culturally significant properties. Any setback or buffer requirements to protect open-space or habitat lands shall be owned by a public agency and maintained by the county service area so as not to infringe on the customary husbandry practices of any neighboring commercially productive agricultural, timber, or livestock operations
- 25. The abatement of graffiti
- 26. The abatement of weeds and rubbish

Original County Service Areas Consolidated To Become County Service Area No. 41 (Multi-Services)

## **County Service Areas Consolidated into County Service Area 41** (Multi-Services)

CSA	Name Service Type			
1	Sears Point	Sewer		
2	Graton	Sanitation		
3	Roseland	Street Lighting		
6	Sea Ranch	Sewer and Water		
9	Windsor	Recreation and Park		
10	Kruse Ranch	Maintenance		
12	Temelac	Maintenance of open space		
14	Wikiup Village	Maintenance		
15	Wildwood	Maintenance		
16	Airport/Larkfield/Wikiup	Dissolved (same as 31)		
17	Foothills	Maintenance		
18	Glen Ellen	Sanitation		
19	Penngrove	Sanitation		
23	Russian River	Sanitation		
24	Fitch Mountain	Water		
25	Timber Cove	Water		
26	Geyserville	Sanitation		
27	Rolling Hills	Maintenance		
30	Thomas Creek Ranch	Maintenance		
31	Airport/Larkfield/Wikiup	Sanitation and street lighting		
32	Salmon Creek	Water		
33	Freestone	Water		
34	Jenner	Water		
35	Sonoma Valley	Recreation and Park		
36	Bodega	Water		
37	Camp Meeker	Water		

**Fire Protection Districts** 

## **Summary of Independent Fire Protection Districts**

	ISO Rating		ating			
Fire Protection Provider	District Size (Sq. Miles)	With Public Water and Station access	Without Public Water	Paid Staff (Full-time Equivalent)	Volunteer Staff	Stations
Bennett Valley FPD	25	6	8	5	30	1
Bodega Bay FPD	37	5	9	11	20	1
Cloverdale FPD	76	4	8	7	20	1
Forestville FPD	24	4	8	6	24	1
Geyserville FPD	216	6	8	2	31	2
Glen Ellen FPD	27	4	8	3	32	2
Gold Ridge FPD	75	6	8	4.5	92	3
Graton FPD	26	N/A	9	0	30	1
Kenwood FPD	25	6	8	2	29	2
Monte Rio FPD	45	4	8	0.5	14	4
Rancho Adobe FPD	80	4	8-9	17	40	3
Rincon FPD	125	4	8	22	30	4
Roseland FPD	3	3	9	.5	0	1
Russian River FPD	18	4	8	11	10	2
Schell-Vista FPD	75	5	8	0	40	2
Timber Cove FPD	48	N/A	8	0	24	1
Valley of the Moon FPD	29	3	8	15	26	3
Windsor FPD	30	3	8	6	33	2
Cazadero CSD	18	N/A	8	2	20	2
Occidental CSD	25	5	8	1	25	1

**Enabling Legislation for Special Districts**Subject to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act

#### Enabling Legislation for Special Districts Subject to the Cortese-Knox- Hertzberg Act

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code Section 56000, et seq.) does not specifically list the types of districts subject to LAFCO review; however, below is a practitioner's consensus of the types of districts:

#### Airport Districts - California Public Utilities Code §22001

This type of district facilitates the development of airports, spaceports, and air navigation facilities. The district's objective is to encourage airport and spaceport development and to distribute the cost uniformly among all who benefit.

#### Air Quality/Pollution Control Districts - California Health and Safety Code §40000

Rules and regulations of this type of district seek to prevent air pollution, which causes discomfort, health risks or damage to the property of a significant number of people. Local and regional authorities have the primary responsibility of controlling air pollution from all sources, other than emissions from motor vehicles.

#### California Water Districts - California Water Code §34000

This type of district constructs, maintains, and repairs the necessary works for the production, storage, transmission, and distribution of water for irrigation, domestic, industrial, and municipal purposes, and any drainage or reclamation works connected with any such projects.

#### California Water Storage Districts - California Water Code §39000

This type of district delivers water to customers for agricultural uses, supplies energy to a variety of users, and provides groundwater banking and storage services. It has the ability to construct, purchase, lease, and exchange material for works that include conduits, reservoirs, storage sites, water sheds, machinery, wells, pumps, dams, and other such appliances, and their accessories.

#### Citrus Pest Districts - California Food and Agriculture Code §8410

This type of district can be formed for the effective control and eradication of citrus pests. "Citrus pest" includes any infectious, transmissible, or contagious disease, any form of animal life, or any form of vegetable life infesting citrus trees or citrus fruits.

#### Community Services District (CSD) - Government Code §61000, et seq.

CSDs are special districts that can provide from one or more types of services as approved by LAFCO. In 2005, the Community Services District Law was re-written and streamlined by a working group that included CSDA, LAFCO, and the Senate Local Government Committee. The specific powers allowed by law to these districts are listed in Appendix 3.

#### Cotton Pest Districts - California Food and Agriculture Code §6051

This type of district controls cotton plants in areas that are at risk and prevents the introduction of pests, the invasion of which may cause multi-million dollar losses annually to the state's cotton crop. Cotton pest abatement districts may be organized and established by the board of supervisors of the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura.

#### County Sanitation Districts - California Health and Safety Code §4700

This type of district protects public health and the environment of the community by providing wastewater collection services in a safe and efficient.

#### County Service Areas (CSA) - Government Code Sections 25210.1 et seg.

CSAs provide an alternative method for providing governmental services by counties within unincorporated areas, many of which have had large population growth as well as commercial and industrial development since 1940. A CSA may be established to provide one or more of a variety of types of services within an unincorporated area. The specific services are listed in Appendix .

#### County Water Districts - Water Code §30000

This type of district establishes rules and regulations for the sale, distribution, and use of water. The district also stores and conserves water for present or future beneficial use and can be authorized to run recreational facilities and sanitation facilities and provide fire protection.

#### Drainage Districts - Water Code §56000, et seq.

The establishment of drainage districts dates back to 1885, with the most recent in 1923; special acts have also established drainage districts. These districts have the authority to transfer their responsibilities to flood control districts (*Water Code §8150*).

#### Fire Protection Districts - Health and Safety Code §13800, et seg.

Special districts can be formed to provide fire protection and other emergency services in a specific community. Fire protection districts are formed under the Fire Protection District Law of 1987.

#### Harbor Districts - California Harbors and Navigation Code §6000

This type of district manages improvement, development, protection and maintenance of any bay, harbor, inlet, river, channel, slough, or arm of the sea in which tides are affected by the Pacific Ocean.

#### Healthcare/Hospital Districts - California Health and Safety Code §32000

This type of district establishes, maintains, and provides assistance in the operation of one or more health facilities or various health services for the benefit of the district and the people served by the district.

#### Irrigation Districts - Water Code §20500, et seq.

A community under the Irrigation District Law may form this type of district. Irrigation districts are allowed to own and operate facilities for power generation and to sell electrical power.

#### Levee Districts - California Water Code §70150 to §70151

This type of district acquires drains, canals, sluices, bulkheads, watergates, levees, embankments, pumping plants and pipelines, and purchases, constructs, maintains and repairs them, to protect the land from overflow and to conserve or add water to the sloughs and drains in certain areas.

#### Library Districts - California Education Code §19400

This type of district may establish, equip, and maintain a public library for the dissemination of knowledge of the arts, sciences, and general literature.

## <u>Library/Museums in Unincorporated Towns and Villages Districts</u> - California Education Code §19600

This type of district may be formed by an unincorporated town or village to establish, equip, and maintain a public library and a public museum for the dissemination of knowledge. This district maintains such public facilities through several established methods allowed by the code.

#### Memorial Districts - California Military and Veterans Code §1170

This type of district provides and maintains memorial halls, assembly halls, buildings, meeting places, together with suitable indoor and outdoor park and recreation facilities, including swimming pools, picnic areas, and playgrounds, for the use of persons or organizations other than veterans, and veteran soldiers, sailors, and marines who have honorably served the United States in any wars.

#### Mosquito Abatement and Vector Control Districts - Health and Safety Code §2000, et seq.

This type of district functions as an authority over programs for the surveillance, prevention, abatement, and control of mosquitoes and other vectors to protect the public health, safety, and

welfare. The law was updated and streamlined as of 2003 (SB1588) through the efforts of a representative group of stakeholders working in 2001-02.

#### Municipal Utility District - California Public Utilities Code §11501

This type of district provides water services, sewage disposal services through construction, operation and maintenance of sewers, sewage treatment works, and solid waste, and water resource recovery for the purpose of reducing, converting, and recycling solid waste; it can also supply drainage and other services within district boundaries.

#### Municipal Water District - California Water Code §71590 et seq.

This type of district provides reliable water services to meet the needs of the community at an economical cost, while taking steps to promote water-use efficiency. A district may acquire, distribute, and store any water, including sewage and storm waters, for the beneficial use or uses of the district, or the owners of rights to water in the district. It may undertake a water conservation program to reduce water use and restrict the use of district water during any emergencies. It may also construct, maintain, improve, and operate public recreational facilities appurtenant to facilities operated or contracted to be operated by the district.

#### Pest Abatement District - California Health and Safety Code §2800

This type of district controls and prevents the introduction of pests, which includes any plant, animal, insect, fish, or other matter or material, not under human control, which is offensive to the senses or interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life, or which is detrimental to the agricultural industry of the state, and is not protected under any other provision of law.

#### Police Protection Districts in Unincorporated Towns - California Health and Safety Code §20000

This type of district could be formed in unincorporated towns to protect and safeguard life and property and to maintain a police department, including purchasing and maintaining ambulances, until October 1, 1959; after that time, only those districts already formed were allowed to continue.

#### Port District - Harbors and Navigation Code §6200, et seq.

This type of district may acquire, purchase, take over, construct, maintain, operate, develop, and regulate wharves, docks, warehouses, grain elevators, bunkering facilities, belt railroads, floating plants, lighterage, lands, towage facilities, and any and all other facilities, aids, or public personnel incident to, or necessary for, the operation and development of ports, waterways, and the district.

#### Public Cemetery Districts - Health and Safety Code §9000, et seq.

Effective in 2004, the nearly 100-year-old cemetery district law, including revisions from 1921, 1927, and 1939, was streamlined and updated due to the efforts of a working group

representing more than 20 agencies. This type of district may own, operate, improve, and maintain cemeteries and provide interment services within its boundaries and may acquire, construct, improve, maintain or repair a columbarium for the placement of cremated remains.

#### Public Utility District - California Public Utilities Code §15501, et seq.

This type of district maintains the infrastructure for public service and provides electricity, natural gas, sewer, waste collection, wholesale telecommunications, water, etc., to residents of that district.

#### Reclamation District - California Water Code §50000, et seq.

This type of district is responsible for reclaiming and maintaining land that is threatened by permanent or temporary flooding for agricultural, residential, commercial, or industrial use. The district may adopt a plan for the reclamation of the district lands, estimate the cost, and modify or change such original plans. The district may acquire, maintain and operate the whole or any part of any irrigation system through which any lands in the district may be supplied with water for irrigation. This includes water rights, dams, diversion works, rights of way, canals, pumps and all property or things, real or personal.

#### Recreation and Park Districts - Public Resources Code §5780, et seg.

This type of district may organize, promote, conduct and advertise programs of community recreation, including but not limited to parks and open space, parking, transportation, and other related services that improve the community's quality of life. The district can also establish systems of recreation and recreation facilities and can acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate recreation facilities, including but not limited to parks and open space, both inside and beyond district boundaries.

#### Regional Park and/or Open Space Districts - Public Resources Code §51000, et seq.

This type of district provides enhanced recreational opportunities and expands access to recreational facilities for all residents, with the goal of improving the quality of life for all communities within the district by protecting, restoring, and improving park, wildlife, open-space, beach lands, and the diverse historical, cultural, and archaeological values of the territory of the district.

#### Resort Improvement Districts - Public Resources Code §13000

This type of district provides an alternative method for the furnishing of extended governmental services, including the construction and financing of public improvements, within recreation resort areas adequate to meet the needs of such areas, and to provide extended services for public improvements installed or constructed.

Effective as of 2011, state law was changed to convert these districts, which exist in only a few counties, to community services districts.

#### Resource Conservation Districts - Public Resources Code §9151, et seg.

This type of district is formed for the control of runoff, the prevention or control of soil erosion, the development and distribution of water, and the improvement of land capabilities, generally for the viability of agricultural land. This type of district has the authority to conduct surveys, investigations, and research.

#### River Port Districts - Harbors and Navigation §6800, et seg.

This type of district may acquire, purchase, take over, construction, maintain, operate, develop, and regular wharves, docks, warehouses, grain elevators, bunkering facilities, cold storage facilities, belt railroads, floating plants, lighterage, lands, towage facilities, and any and all other facilities, aids, or public personnel, incident to, or necessary for, the operation and development of ports, waterways, and the district.

#### Sanitary Districts - Health and Safety Code §6400

This type of district oversees all aspects of waste management systems, including construction, operation, collection, and treatment of garbage. A sanitary district may be merged with a county sanitation district, pursuant to the County Sanitation District Act. (See entry for "County sanitation district")

#### <u>Small Craft Harbor Districts</u> - *Harbors and Navigation Code* §7000, et seq.

This type of district may acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, repair, develop, maintain, and operate a harbor and all associated facilities and activities. Some of these include dredging, acquisition, reconstruction, repair, maintenance of jetties, breakwaters, seawalls, wharves, docks, streets, roads, marinas, beach parks, and recreational facilities; regulation of fueling, shipping and other facilities; operation of fireboats and facilities necessary for the proper protection of a harbor.

#### <u>Unified School or Union High School District Library District</u> - Education Code §18300, et seq.

This type of district may be formed upon application of 50 or more taxpayers and residents of any unified school district and subsequent election to do so. The purpose of the district is to establish, equip, and maintain a public library for the dissemination of knowledge of the arts, sciences, and general literature.

#### Water Conservation Districts - Water Code §74000, et seq.

This type of district can be formed by a community under the Water Conservation District Law of 1931 to maintain water supplies, including surveying, inspecting, purchasing and selling.

#### Water Replenishment Districts - Water Code §60000, et seg.

This type of district, formed and governed under the Water Replenishment District Act, has responsibility for upkeep of the groundwater supply of the community it serves.